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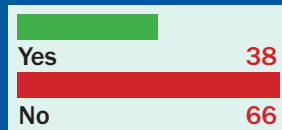
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NMC may lose part of Pell grant

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Hart

In a statement to *Saipan Tribune* yesterday, NMC president Sharon Y. Hart, Ph.D., confirmed the potential loss of the Pell grant for the college's baccalaureate program but vowed to continue communicating with the USDOE to convince it to reconsider the decision.

If the decision pushes through, this would only impact the college's School of Education. See NMC on Page 4

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In what Speaker Joseph Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) described as "one of the smoothest budget sessions" he has ever seen, the House of Representatives passed Friday afternoon a \$123.4-million budget bill that now heads to the Senate some two months before the Oct. 1 start of fiscal year 2014.

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The four-day Pacific Educational Conference on Saipan ended on a high note Friday, with the final session capped not only by meaningful exchanges of tokens but also by well-crafted recommendations.

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IT&E marketing manager Hans Mickelson, third from right, presents Joeten-Kiyu Public Library Council vice chair Mark Rabauliman with a check for \$5,000. IT&E has supported the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library through the Educational Tax Credit program since 2010. Also present are, from left to right, Joeten-Kiyu Public Library executive director John Oliver Gonzales, CNMI Library Council treasurer Soledad Tenorio, IT&E customer service manager Janice Tenorio, and IT&E engineering manager Velma Palacios.

Kileleman, Fital acquitted of manslaughter

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Felix Kileleman Jr. and his uncle, Herman S. Fital, were both acquitted Friday of involuntary manslaughter but were convicted of assault and battery in the death of 19-year-old Jefferson Kiauol Keju.

A Superior Court jury unanimously

found 19-year-old Kileleman not guilty of involuntary manslaughter. Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho, who decided the misdemeanor charges found him guilty of assault and battery.

Camacho also found the 34-year-old Fital guilty of assault and battery. The day before, Camacho granted Fital's motion to dismiss a charge of involun-

tary manslaughter.

The two will be sentenced on July 31, 2013.

The six jurors started deliberations on Thursday afternoon. A court staff read the verdict Friday at 11:50am.

Assistant public defender Benjamin Petersburg, who represented Kileleman during trial, tapped the back of his client twice as the "not guilty" verdict was announced.

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The Korean peninsula may be divided but everyone who watched last Wednesday's 2013 Korean Cultural Festival left the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center united in saying that they were totally amazed.

Each of the three dance groups that performed displayed its own brand of cultural entertainment.

The five-member Zero Dance Project was somber and very athletic in their "Slow Walk: The ordeal of change number," with dancers zipping left and right like there was no tomorrow. The Zero Dance Project was led by Jung Jae Yong.

Yoon Sumi Dance Company, led by Yoon Su Mi, had everyone's hearts pounding with their "Jindo Drum Dance." The 20-member group also had everyone on edge with their "Great Peace Dance" and almost everyone was in a reflective mood after their stylistic "Sprout" performance.

But the highlight of the evening's cultural activity was hands down Ryu Dance Company's "Korean Traditional Fan Dance."

With their costumes and fans' vivid colors and unmatched choreography, the 23-member troupe led by Ryu Young Soo, got the most ooh and aahs from the audience.

Saipan Mayor Donald Flores thanked organizer Jun Park for bringing in the three dance companies to Saipan for everyone to enjoy.

He also thanked the Zero Dance Project, Yoon Sumi Dance Company, and Ryu Dance Company for taking time off from their busy schedules to perform on Saipan.

"It's great that they came to our islands and show their talent. It's something that's very unique. It's just too bad that not much of a turnout. Appreciate



Ryu Dance Company's "Korean Traditional Fan Dance" was hands down the crowd's favorite during Wednesday's 2013 Korean Cultural Festival at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center.

Korean dancers dazzle crowd

they came and showcase their talent and culture," said Flores.

Nicole Ichihara Sablan, 2013 Liberation Day Queen, was also there in attendance and couldn't hide her delight after watching the performance of the Korean dancers.

"Gosh! I just kept telling everybody that it was so beautiful. The choreography was so beautiful and the dancers were beautiful and the outfits, oh my God! I'm a girl... I loved the costumes. They were just amazing!"

She said the dance she enjoyed the most was the fan dance.

"I have to say it was the fan dance that I enjoyed the most. It was so bright, colorful, and it really catches your attention. It was so captivating."



A member of her 2013 Liberation Day Royal Court, Rea-Lei L. Iskawa, seconded Sablan's observations. "I saw their costumes and it was very beautiful. It's so traditional and it brightens up the room," she said.

Darren Flores said the 2013 Korean Cultural Festival is for people who don't have the means or time to fly to Korea and watch the cultural dance shows there.

"They're bringing the show right to you. I hope the next performers Mr. Park brings in we have the community come out and watch it. It's a free event and you don't have to pay for it and you just come and enjoy."

Angie Sablan of San Jose and Marie Labadan Susupe also said they had a grand time watching the show.

"It was wonderful. The performance was really great. It was great to the culture. I loved the fan dance the most. It was gorgeous," said Sablan.

"I got goose bumps just watching the fan dance," Labadan added.

Park, for his part, said he has been bringing the cultural dancers for Korea the past 19 years in time for the Liberation Day celebrations.

This year, however, the dance companies had a busy schedule and that's why he booked them a couple of weeks later.

The 2013 Korean Cultural Festival was sponsored by the Saipan Mayor's Office and Saipan Mayor Donald Flores, Laolao Bay Golf & Resort, Tasi Tour, Saipan Times, and Asiana Airlines. (Mark Rabago)

"Jindo Drum Dance" of the Yoon Sumi Dance Company captured the crowd's attention during Wednesday's 2013 Korean Cultural Festival at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center.



A weekly update from the Marianas Visitors Authority
Tourism is everybody's business.

Beijing International Travel Exhibition

The Beijing International Travel Exhibition (BITE) was held on June 21-13 at the China National Convention Center, with the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) joining 886 other exhibitors in reaching out to over 20,000 exhibit visitors and 3,200

registered trade representatives with information about Northern Marianas tourism resources and the MVA's Beijing office.

BITE is on the biggest and most important professional travel trade exhibitions in China. The MVA partnered with Century Tours and Tinian Dynasty to host a booth at the event and raise awareness of the Northern Marianas. The MVA also conducted a 1-hour destination presentation for 40 attendees on the opening day and conducted interviews with 15 of 66 attending media representatives.

Prior to the opening of BITE, the MVA participated in a professional buyers' one-on-one meeting session to China



Merchant Group Tianjin International Travel Service, China Youth Travel Service of Hebei Province Co. Ltd., China Environmental International Travel Service Handan Branch, Zhongguang International Travel Service Co. Ltd, Hanglyong International Economic Related Corp., and Beijing Mandarin International Travel. The BITE Gala Dinner and Award Ceremony was held on June 20 to mark the 10th anniversary of the event. One hundred and fifty travel representatives attended, and the Tinian Dynasty received an award.

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Local

Small rally to greet Sobeck on Saipan

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A peaceful, small cluster rally to keep the U.S. Federal Labor Ombudsman's Office open beyond fiscal year 2013 is expected to greet visiting U.S. Interior assistant secretary Eileen Sobeck this morning, and leaders of foreign worker groups are hoping that their concerns will be heard.

Sobeck is scheduled to be in the CNMI this week, some two months before the planned closure of the ombudsman's office.

For 14 years, that agency has helped refer to proper CNMI and federal agencies thousands of foreign workers who were victims of labor abuses, human trafficking, sex trafficking, illegal recruitment, rape, assault and battery, false imprisonment and torture, among other things.

At least three worker groups' officers are leading the small rally: the Marianas Advocates for Humanitarian Affairs Ltd. or Mahal, Dekada Movement, and Human Dignity Movement.

Reyes said yesterday that the small rally will be from 8am to 10am between the Hyatt Regency Saipan where Sobeck is expected to stay, and American Memorial Park.

"Our main message to Ms. Sobeck is for her and her office not to abandon us, workers. If they close the ombudsman's office, there's nowhere else foreign workers could go to if they have issues. We are hoping we could also meet with Ms. Sobeck," Reyes told *Saipan Tribune*.

Bonifacio Sagana, president of Dekada Movement, separately said yesterday they are also preparing a letter to Sobeck outlining worker groups' concerns about the planned closure of the ombudsman's office.

"The ombudsman's office holds evidence, documents about the millions of uncollected claims against employers. Second, because CW workers do not have contracts, they have nowhere to go if they find themselves abused by their employers. Third, while CWs are still waiting for the release of their renewal CW permits, they cannot work and they can't afford to hire lawyers if they have issues. Fourth, there are busi-

nesses now accepting foreign workers without legal documents so that they can be paid less than minimum wage and are open to abuses. Who is monitoring that?" Sagana told *Saipan Tribune*.

Sobeck, according to sources, has also requested meeting with other CNMI government officials and private sector representatives.

Thousands of signatures have been gathered by an online petition to keep the ombudsman's office open. One of the foreign worker groups has also gathered signatures to support the cause.



Sobeck

Interior's decision to close the ombudsman's office has also caught the attention of senior Democrat on the U.S. House Education and the Workforce Committee, Rep. George Miller (D-Calif.), and U.S. Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee chair Ron Wyden (D-Oregon).

Wyden chairs the U.S. Senate committee that has oversight over insular areas such as the CNMI, while Miller is former chair and ranking member of the U.S. House Committee on Natural Resources, which has oversight over insular areas such as the CNMI.

Both U.S. lawmakers, in separate letters to Interior Secretary Sally Jewell, said they have not been reassured by the claims of Interior's Office of Insular Affairs that the Ombudsman's Office's operations "would be successfully devolved onto the office of the CNMI Field Representative and other local and federal agencies."

"The plans for this transition are preliminary at best and do not inspire confidence that these cases will be handled with the due diligence and care they rightly deserve," Miller told Jewell.

Since its establishment in 1999, the Ombudsman's Office has handled numerous cases dealing with the longstanding pattern of mistreatment of alien workers, he said.

Both Wyden and Miller asked Jewell 13 sets of questions, including how the Interior's OIA plans to spend the \$250,000 that President Barack Obama allocated for the operation of the Ombudsman's Office in 2014.

OIA earlier told *Saipan Tribune* that the closure is a result of a "dramatic shift" in

the U.S. Labor Ombudsman's Office work—"from working on serious labor and trafficking violations to assisting individual alien workers with more routine immigration and labor issues."

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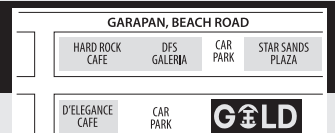
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Marines, Air Force training on FDM

The U.S. Marines and U.S. Air Force will conduct training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla on the following dates and times:

- Marines: July 22 from 2pm to 11:59pm
- Marines, Air Force: July 23 from 10am to 11pm
- Marines: July 24 from 10am to 11:55pm

■ Marines, Air Force: July 25 from 10am to 11:55pm

■ Marines: July 26 from 10am to 10pm

The general public—especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators—are advised to stay clear from the area during the times and dates indicated. (PR)

KILELEMAN

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nounced. Kileleman looked at Petersburg and smiled.

Camacho said the court is satisfied that the government met its burden to prove beyond reasonable doubt that the defendants committed the offense of assault and battery.

Camacho said he reviewed the footages of the surveillance video taken at the New Chang Ming Market and at Mobil gas station on Middle Road, Garapan.

Camacho said that once Keju ran away and the defendants chased him, any resemblance of self-defense evaporated.

The judge said that Kileleman's own testimony indicated that he kicked and punched Keju, who was lying on the

road, more than 10 times.

Camacho said he believes that Fitial also assaulted Keju.

Fitial's own testimony to detectives showed that he punched the teenager in the face before the Middle Road incident.

The two will remain in jail at the Department of Corrections while awaiting their sentencing.

Attorney Colin Thompson, counsel for Fitial, told reporters after the hearing that they accept the judge's decision.

"We fought hard against that charge [assault and battery], but the judge found sufficient evidence to convict," Thompson said.

He said Fitial obviously feels relieved with his acquittal of involuntary manslaughter, a felony that carries a maximum sentence of five years in prison.

Assistant attorney general

James McAllister referred reporters to the lead prosecutor, assistant attorney general Brian Flaherty, for comments. Flaherty declined to speak to the media.

The trial began Monday. The prosecutor called in 13 witnesses. The defense did not call any witness.

Police said that Kileleman and Fitial assaulted Keju during an argument in front of New Chang Ming Market and later in the parking lot of the Mobil gas station on the evening of Jan. 1, 2013. The defendants chased the victim, who ran toward Middle Road. Kileleman caught up with Keju, who fell on the road, and kicked and punched him repeatedly.

An incoming van then hit Kileleman and Keju.

Kileleman and Fitial left the victim lying on the road. An-

other incoming pickup truck ran over Keju.

The driver of the van fled the CNMI. The driver of the truck was not arrested as he stopped and tried to assist the victim.

Keju died the following day of massive blunt trauma to the chest and abdomen.

In an interview with reporters after the verdict came out, Apollonia Joseph, 55, said Keju, the youngest of her five children, was kind and very friendly.

Joseph said Keju would have turned 20 this Saturday, July 27. She and family members watched the entire trial. She was seen wiping away tears whenever footages of her son were played in court.

Joseph said her son was born and raised in the CNMI.

"I took care of him for 19 years until Jan. 1, 2013, when

association or organization to be comprised of Pacific educators and stakeholders. Something that we can look up to here in the Pacific and will lead educational initiatives for our schoolchildren. I just hope that by 2016, we will see some action on this," she told *Saipan Tribune*.

Once established, Sablan said, this association can meet regularly to share and discuss educational issues and information. "So that we will always be connected and we will not wait for another two years to stay connected with each other. We can meet quarterly and we have the technology to aid us in communication."

to keep themselves informed by talking to their advisers and instructors.

According to School of Education dean Barbara Merfalen, NMC has done nothing wrong all these years. "We have been following the rules and regulations established by our accreditors. Right now we feel as if we are caught in a bureaucratic nightmare between two large agencies. It doesn't make any logical sense," she said.

Pay back

It was learned that the USDOE will ask institutions that are found to have been awarded funds for "ineligible" programs to either return or repay those funds.

Based on documents obtained by *Saipan Tribune*, WASC officials had informed Hart that "the [USDOE] has, so far, refused to rule out the possibility of seeking to reclaim student aid funds awarded to students...in the past because they were participating in an ineligible program. Their reasoning: since the program was ineligible, it should never have received aid therefore, they want the money back. I assume the same would apply to NMC."

This was the first time the issue of the potential loss of the Pell grant was disclosed to college students and employees and many expressed dismay about the lack of transparency at the college. Many believe that a solution could have been identified early on, rather than any last-minute action.

EDUCATION

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tions that all seek to improve education in the Pacific.

CNMI Education Commissioner Rita A. Sablan, Ed.D., closed the conference rites with optimism that all participating entities will help work on her proposal to create a formal organization of Pacific educators that will ensure their connectedness and collaboration at all times.

"I believe this conference ended on a great note!" Sablan told *Saipan Tribune*.

She said the conference turnout was an indication of col-

laboration, support, and respect for every Pacific entity and that everyone was clear on the vision to deliver success to every child in school.

Sablan is confident that the conference achieved its objectives of teaching participants what they have to have to do to ensure that learning will continue in the classroom.

The PEC is conducted every two years. The Republic of Marshall Islands has accepted the duties of hosting the next PEC conference in 2016.

Sablan lauded the presentations of the three keynote speakers—Dr. Tim Waters, president and CEO of McREL, Dr. Mark

Elgart, president and CEO of AdvancED, and Dr. Tim Boals, executive director of WIDA Consortium—and the many breakout sessions throughout the event.

All these experts, Sablan said, were brought on island to share with Pacific educators the necessary tools and knowledge for the success of every student.

Sablan on Friday proposed to participating islands the formation of an organization that will formally represent the whole Pacific and spearhead actions on issues concerning children's education.

"I think it's high time that we have something like that—an

credited by ACCJC and ACSCU, and the U.S. Department of Education has never raised any concern with this—not to the college nor to these two commissions. We are extremely puzzled by this, and we are doing everything we can to avoid it," according to Hart.

The college's School of Education was established in 2001. In that same year, ACSCU granted NMC accreditation for its bachelor of science degree in Elementary Education. This marked the first time in WASC history for a two-year community college to offer a four-year degree. Since its inception, the NMC School of Education has conferred bachelor's degrees in Elementary Education to hundreds of students who are now working in all levels of the Public School System, the CNMI government, and private sector organizations as principals, teachers, counselors, administrators, and social workers.

During all this time, the college was authorized by the USDOE to administer the distribution of federal financial aids, including the Pell grant and federal work-study funds to students in the baccalaureate program. Last year, the college even applied for and was approved to offer the federal TEACH grant, which provides grants to students who are pursuing a teaching career and who meet other eligibility requirements.

"Any policy decision to deem NMC's bachelor's program in education—one of the largest programs at the college—ineligible for financial

aid will be catastrophic to our students in this baccalaureate program and to our local community," said Hart.

She said the college is attempting to convince the USDOE to reconsider. The college learned last week that the department has agreed to sit down with the college first before rendering its final decision. It is now working with WASC, the Office of Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP), and many others to meet with ranking USDOE officials so they can hear directly from the college.

Out since February

Hart admitted yesterday that both the ACCJC and ACSCU have been communicating and meeting with the USDOE since early February on this matter. It was only within the last two weeks that NMC was informed by the commissions that the USDOE was expected to "stand firm" on the decision, Hart said.

"To date no correspondence at all has been sent to the college from the U.S. Department of Education. All actions have occurred only been between these two agencies," Hart told *Saipan Tribune*, adding that the college will be joined at its planned meeting with USDOE by the American Samoa Community College, which faces the same fate.

NMC officials are looking at flying to Washington, D.C. before the end of this month.

In the meantime, Hart emphasized that School of Education students should continue

that incident happened, took the life of my son, and broke my heart into pieces," said Joseph, holding back tears.

She said there's nothing in the world that can bring her son back. "My son was a loving and

caring person. He was a friendly, helpful person too. Thank you Lord for the 19 years you have blessed me with my son," she said.

She refused to comment about the verdict.

BUDGET

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Although members engaged in lengthy debates concerning most of the seven floor amendments offered—six of which were adopted—members were able to pass the budget bill by a vote of 15-2 with three absences by 4:05pm.

House Bill 18-98, House Draft 6 now heads to the Senate.

Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan) told *Saipan Tribune* they are waiting for the House's budget bill, when asked whether the Senate had already drafted its own version of the budget measure.

House Ways and Means Committee chair Rep. Tony Sablan (Ind-Saipan), for his part, said what the House passed was a budget bill "that controls costs and provides public services."

Sablan anticipates a conference committee on the fiscal year 2014 budget, but is confident that a compromise budget bill would come out of it.

"If we understand that we have limited resources with the same obligation and that is to provide essential services, and we stick to those two premises," Sablan said after the House session at past 4pm Friday.

He believes that "the so-called extra wish list should be secondary" and passing a budget that meets obligations is priority.

"Our major concerns number one is we have limited budget [and] we have lots of obligations. We have to ensure with what we have we continue to provide the maximum services to our public both in education, medical and others..." he added.

The speaker also said the budget bill as currently crafted ensures more accountability in government spending. He said it was a "healthy" yet a "more tedious" process.

Sablan, main author of the budget bill, said the budget session being one of the smoothest in a long time "should be taken as a compliment."

He added that the committee ensured a transparent deliberation and got everybody involved. Even non-committee members participated in the budget deliberations.

2 'no' votes

House minority leader George Camacho (R-Saipan) and Rep. Teresita Santos (R-Rota) were the only two that voted "no" to the budget bill.

Absent from the session or when the voting occurred were Vice Speaker Frank Dela Cruz (Ind-Saipan), Rep. Antonio Agulto (Ind-Saipan), and Rep. Ralph Yumul (Ind-Saipan). The remaining 15 voted "yes."

Camacho later told *Saipan Tribune*, "There are many more that need necessary funding."

"Why the increase in leadership account [for the Legisla-

ture]? That funding could be used by Ayuda Network. Or sent to the NMI Retirement Fund for that matter," he said.

Camacho was referring to the \$179,388 each in House and Senate leadership account, a bit more than the current year.

But Sablan said the 18th House has two more committees—the Special Committee on NMI Retirement Fund, and the previous Commerce and Tourism Committee was split into two. In essence, there was no increase in leadership account, he said.

Santos, for her part, said her "no" vote was "a result of inconsistencies of information and/or decision made during [Friday's] budget deliberation."

The Rota lawmaker cited as an example prior commitment and pronouncements from Ways and Means that the Rota and Tinian budgets will not be touched, only for committee members to vote "for the passage of the floor amendment made to reduce object code 62710 Rota utilities by \$290,000 to satisfy the outstanding obligation of the Rota Gaming Commission which is an injustice to the people of Rota as said debt is not of their own."

"Further, will the members be responsible if an emergency arises and Rota runs out of funds for their utilities?" Santos told *Saipan Tribune*.

Nevertheless, Santos said, she trusts and has confidence that the Senate vice president "will thoroughly review the budget version of the House and make the necessary changes to ensure that Rota is reasonably and fairly budgeted."

If a budget bill is not passed by the Legislature and signed into law by Oct. 1, the CNMI government will have another shutdown.

The House-passed budget bill takes into consideration all of the governor's proposed mergers and consolidations of agencies with overlapping functions, and gave the governor flexibility in hiring up to 50 additional essential personnel in the Executive Branch. However, of the 50 FTEs, 25 are only as "fallback" plan should the privatization of the functions of the Division of Parks and Recreation is not in place by Oct. 1.

Once the \$123.4 million budget bill is passed by both chambers of the Legislature and signed into law, Gov. Eloy S. Inos is expected to submit a proposed supplemental budget of some \$14 million. But this additional money for 2014 will only go toward meeting provisions of the NMI Retirement Fund settlement agreement and fund the Group Health and Life Insurance.

Other revenue-generating bills now with the Senate, including a Saipan casino gambling measure and electronic gaming at hotels, also seek to prolong the Fund's lifespan.

Kilili: GOP rejects increased funds for PSS

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Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) said that Republicans in the U.S. House of Representatives rejected a substitute education bill with Sablan's specific provision to increase funding for the Public School System.

By a vote of 221-207, the Republican-led House narrowly passed HR 5 or the Student Success Act, which reauthorizes the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

Sablan said no Democrats voted for the bill in contrast to past bipartisan reauthorizations of ESEA, pointing out that "inadequate funding for our schools is part of the reason."

"The Republican measure locks in sequester-level funding through 2019. The bill also moves away from the equity and accountability standards established in No Child Left Behind, President George Bush's

signature education policy enacted in 2002," Sablan said.

Sablan is an independent caucus with the Democrats.

House Democrats offered a substitute to HR 5, "maintaining the civil rights and equity focus of the law," Sablan said.

Sablan said he voted for the Democrat proposal in committee as it included Sablan's provision that would double the amount of Title I-A funding allocated to the CNMI's PSS and to the other insular areas.

Title I-A funds are meant to help students living in poor families receive a high quality K-12 education.

"Republicans voted down the Democratic substitute with the PSS funding increase," Sablan added.

Marianas Campaign commemoration

In other news, Sablan, Guam Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo and Air Force Chief of Staff General Mark A. Welsh III laid

a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns at a solemn ceremony marking the 69th anniversary of the Marianas Campaign in World War II.

The annual commemoration of the Liberation of Guam and the Battle for the Northern Mariana Islands was held at Arlington National Cemetery last week.

The Guam Society of America also hosted a reception in the Cannon House Office Building on Capitol Hill to commemorate the Liberation of Guam and the Battle for the Northern Mariana Islands. Bordallo and Sablan served as honorary hosts of this event, which draws large crowds every year and showcases footage from the Battle of Guam and features a sample of the Chamorro culture and food.

Former sex offender gets 2 months for address change

A former sex offender was slapped with a two-month prison term for moving to a new residence without notifying the Department of Public Safety.

Joaquin Santos Peredo, 36, pleaded guilty last week to non-compliance with a Sex Offender Registry Registration rule that requires him to tell police when he moves to a new house.

Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman sentenced Peredo to two years in prison, all suspended except for two months, with credit for one month and 24 days of time served. This means Peredo will be released on Wednesday, July 24.

day, July 24.

After completing his sentence, Peredo will be placed on probation for two years. He will be required to report to the Office of Adult Probation within 20 days after he is released.

He was ordered to abide by the terms and conditions of the Sex Offender Registry, including notifying DPS of any address changes within two days and not living in a household with any non-biological minors.

Peredo was required to pay a \$100 fine, \$25 court assessment fee, and \$200 probation fee. (Ferdie de la Torre)

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Inos, Castro lead in honoring corrections professionals



▲ Gov. Eloy S. Inos, Lt. Gov. Jude Hofschneider, and CNMI Supreme Court Chief Justice Alejandro C. Castro gather for a group photo with justices, judges, lawmakers, and community corrections professionals during Friday's proclamation signing for Juvenile and Adult Probation and Parole Supervision Week.

FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Gov. Eloy S. Inos and CNMI Supreme Court Chief Justice Alejandro C. Castro on Friday led the Commonwealth in honoring the islands' community corrections professionals.

Inos and Castro jointly signed a proclamation declaring July 21 to 27 as Juvenile and Adult Probation and Parole Supervision Week.

In his brief remarks at the CNMI Supreme Court, Inos said that community corrections professionals do a lot of work for the community round the clock but are the least recognized.

Inos thanked community cor-

rections professionals—juvenile and adult probation officers and parole officers—"for ensuring the community's safety."

Castro echoed Inos, describing these officers as "the forgotten." Castro said these probation and parole officers "are awake 24/7," watching those who are in the probationary or parole system.

Inos and Castro urged all residents to recognize and honor corrections officers for their "vital support, services, and protection in the communities."

At the proclamation signing, Greg T. Magofna, a former probationer, said that in his younger

days, he dropped out of school, joined a gang, and used and sold illegal drugs.

Magofna said he got caught and was twice arrested. In prison, Magofna could not help his family.

He said he is thankful to probation officers for checking up on him because he does not want to lose his family again. Magofna said he pursued his studies, got a good job, and the best part of it is that he's with his family.

Magofna urged convicted persons to "stay cool" and seek guidance from probation officers. (Ferdie de la Torre)

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NMC invites community to take part in Workforce L.I.F.E.

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The workforce development initiative, which provides participants a 'Lead Into Future Experiences' (L.I.F.E), aims to prepare youth and adults to be prepared and trained for meaningful careers.

The workshops will be held on Rota, Saipan, and Tinian and will run from Aug. 5 through 16. They are modeled after the U.S. Department of Labor's Apprenticeship Program's Pathways Pledge that focuses on three areas a person needs to develop while prepar-

ing for a career.

The pathways include a) life skills, which provides work related soft-skills, such as communication, time management, team work; b) work skills, which provides insight into the world of work to prepare for employment; and c) the learn and earn pathway, which delivers on-the-job skills. Each pathway is interdependent and occurs in different stages. All need proper collaboration and unity amongst service providers and employers.

Participants will be grouped according to age. Age groups are 13-15 and 16 years of age and older (including adults). Registration is ongoing and will continue on July 22nd through August 2nd.

The curriculum is based off of research and the identified needs of small and large businesses alike through CNMI labor market studies, interviews with businesses, and best practices.

According to NMC's dean of Administration David Attao, the unique thing about WORKFORCE L.I.F.E is that it focuses on developing leadership skills in participants.

"Our community has a lot of natural leaders and people with leadership potential," said Attao. "Our goal is to help inform and train participants on how to

be transformational leaders."

"A transformational leader is one who may display some skills of a natural leader and has taken the proper trainings to make him/her extremely innovative, productive, and eventually transformational," Attao added.

Another unique aspect of the program is that rather than having all of the instruction at the college, the college is proactively bringing the workshops to learning environments within the various communities.

"We want to reach out to

every eligible person in the CNMI within their own communities," Attao said. "If there are no adequate sites, we will use NMC facilities."

"Understanding that fuel and transportation costs are factors for people attending, we decided to bring the training to the people," Attao added.

According to Attao, these trainings were made possible through the foresight and planning of the governor, lieutenant governor, and members of the CNMI Legislature. Funding was provided through the Commonwealth Workers fee.

"People should really thank our governor, lieutenant governor, and members of the House and Senate for fighting for these types of projects for the people and community," said Attao.

To register or for more information about the Saipan and Rota workshops contact the Northern Marianas College at 234-5498, Ext. 1010/1030/1019/1005 or via email at eileen.babauta@marianas.edu. For Tinian contact Maria Aguon at 433-0657, 0649 or via email at maria.aguon@marianas.edu. (NMC)

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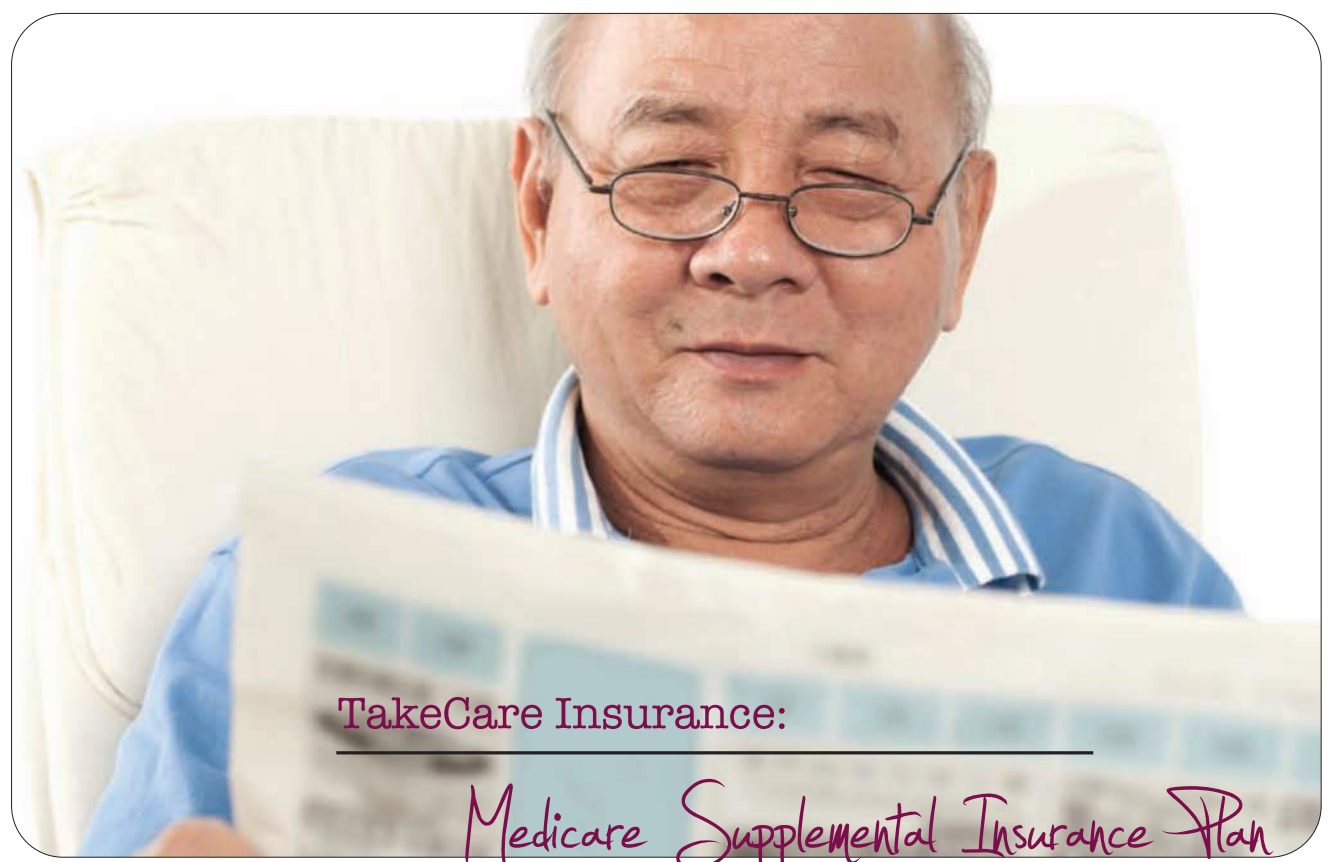
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USP4GG sets protest vs China on July 24

The US Pinoys for Good Governance Marianas Chapter will hold on Wednesday, July 24, its "Peaceful Global Day of Protest and Prayer against China's Invasion of the Philippines."

The protest, in collaboration with the Association of Filipino Pastors on Saipan, will be from 11am to 1pm at the Minatchom Atdao Pavilion across the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

As a gesture of support, USP4GG is encouraging everyone to wear a yellow T-shirts on Wednesday.

In an opinion piece that will be published in the *San Francisco Chronicle* tomorrow, July 23, USP4GG presi-

dent Rodel Rodis and Philippine partylist representative Walden Bello likened China's policy in the South China Sea to Japan's aggression against Manchuria before the start of World War II.

"This July 24 marks the first anniversary of China's creation of the 'Sansha City' prefecture to 'oversee and administer' the one million square mile South China Sea, vesting it with the power, effective Jan. 1, 2013, 'to board, seize, and expel foreign ships' within its jurisdiction."

The op-ed piece, titled "Dark Days for China and the Philippines," says that "in the effort of the Philippine gov-

ernment to defend its interests in the South China Sea, it has had only one reliable source of support: the Filipino nation. Standing squarely behind the government are not only the 90 million people living in the Philippines but also the 12 million Filipinos in the global diaspora, all vowing that their Motherland will not be bullied into submission by China."

Rodis and Bello concluded their opinion with a call to arms for silent protest. "At 12 noon on July 24, Filipinos will hold protest rallies simultaneously in front of China's consular offices all over the world to bring global condemnation to bear on

China to make it rethink the cost of its aggression towards the Philippines."

"We are inviting all Filipinos, our Chinese brothers and sisters, Vietnamese, Malaysians, Japanese, Koreans, and other ethnicities to join us in this peaceful rally," said Dr. Celia Lamkin, US Pinoys for Good Governance Marianas chapter chair.

For more information about Wednesday's "Peaceful Global Day of Protest and Prayer against China's Invasion of the Philippines," call Lamkin at 288-1714, or email celia.lamkin@yahoo.com, or call Nancy Baldoz at 888-2968. *(Mark Rabago)*

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

July 22, 2005

AGO bars entry from Fujian

Division of Immigration personnel have been instructed to stop issuing entry permits to citizens or nationals of the Fujian province of the People's Republic of China. The order came after the Attorney General's Office placed Fujian back on the list of excluded locations due to the rising number of fraudulent papers received from the Chinese province. The AGO created the original list of excluded locations in January 2004, amid the agency's inability to secure background information regarding individuals from these countries. The initial list covered 30 countries including Nepal and Fujian, which were removed in March 2004 and June 2004 respectively.

Veto on surcharge repeal certain—Callaghan

The governor's veto of the proposed repeal of fuel surcharge is almost certain due to the lack of needed appropriation, said press secretary Pete A. Callaghan yesterday. "The governor will veto it," he said, noting that the two bills introduced in the House of Representatives Wednesday appropriating a total of \$20 million over two years is insufficient for the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s fuel needs. "That's not enough. The cost of fuel jumped from \$30 million to \$60 million a year," said Callaghan.

July 22, 2006

Power rate hike in effect

New electric charges and rates will be implemented Commonwealth-wide beginning today. As announced, Gov. Benigno R. Fitial yesterday signed the emergency regulations rescinding the fuel surcharge and increasing the power rates and fees assessed by the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. The new rate schedule sets a flat monthly fee of \$5.60 for residential customers. It also provides households with electric rates that rise with increased usage. Under the tiered rate scale, residential customers will be charged 23.1 cents for the first 500 kilowatt hours consumed; 28.1 cents for the next 500 kWh; 30.1 cents for the succeeding 1000 kWh; and 34.2 cents for each kilowatt hour consumed in excess of 2,000 kWh.

Borja remains acting commissioner

The Public School System will enter the new school year this August without an education commissioner after the Board of Education agreed yesterday to seek the opinion of the CNMI Supreme Court on the qualification for the post. All five members voted to submit a certified question to the High Court to clarify the phrase "master's degree in Business Administration or managements if it will also fall on 'some field of education,'" as stated in Public Law 6-10 1 CMC 2272 (a). The board, together with PSS legal counsel Karen Klaver, arrived at this decision after a four-hour closed door executive session at the board's office on Capital Hill.



July 22, 2007

15 asked to testify during US House hearing in Aug.

Invitation were released Thursday for approximately 15 people to testify during the upcoming Subcommittee on Insular Affairs field hearing scheduled for Aug. 15 on Saipan. The hearing will be held in the Guma Justisia Supreme Court courtroom and will begin at 9am. Included on the list are legislative leaders, former governors, and community and business leaders, according to CNMI Resident Representative Pete A. Tenorio. He did not identify them. "I am very pleased that the Subcommittee has accepted my invitation and will hold this field hearing in the CNMI. It will be the very first one ever held here," he said.

'Feds should not interfere in asylum issues'

Despite being openly criticized at the U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources hearing on Thursday, CNMI Attorney General Matthew T. Gregory remained steadfast in this position that federal officials should not intervene in the implementation of the Refugee Protection Program. "It is totally incorrect to say that we did not want to communicate or give any information to [the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services]. We are against any attempts by USCIS to influence the adjudication of each of those [refugee application cases]," Gregory said in an interview after the hearing here. USCIS facilitates asylum applications of foreigners who are facing persecution in their countries of origin because of their political or religious belief and affiliation.


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INVITATION TO BID

ITB NO.: ITB13-COTA/FTA-148 (A-C)
 Submission Date: August 14, 2013 Time: 11:00 A.M.

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/s/ Thomas J. Camacho
Special Assistant for Public Transportation

/s/ Herman S. Sablan
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INVITATION TO BID

ITB NO.: ITB13-COTA/FTA-145
 Submission Date: August 14, 2013 Time: 10:00 A.M.

"PURCHASE OF MODULAR OFFICE FURNITURE AND PARTITIONS FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OFFICE OF TRANSIT AUTHORITY"

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

RFP NO.: RFP13-COTA/FTA-143
 Submission Date: August 19, 2013 Time: 10:00 A.M.

"TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE AND VEHICLE TRACKING SYSTEM, A PROJECT UNDER THE COMMONWEALTH OFFICE OF TRANSIT AUTHORITY (COTA)"

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

RFP NO.: RFP13-COTA/FTA-144
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"SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN FOR THE CNMI, A PROJECT UNDER THE COMMONWEALTH OFFICE OF TRANSIT AUTHORITY (COTA)"

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Kina Sablan: Saipan’s newest certified pharmacy tech

After her first day work in the prescription preparation room, Kina Sablan was already asking herself if she should just quit.

“I had never had a job with so much responsibility. I only worked as a cashier before applying at Brabu Pharmacy,” said Sablan. “I realized that if a mistake was made we could really hurt someone. I was seriously scared, but I’m so glad I came to work the next day and now I am going to be certified as a pharmacy technician.”

“We want to make sure that our staff not only get the proper training to serve our customers well,” said Ted Parker, Brabu Pharmacy general manager, “but just as importantly, they get the emotional and mental support to successfully meet their goal and pass the certification exam.”

Each intern at Brabu is given a mentor who has gone through the same training. Mentors help

interns address their fears and get over the hurdles that many face, learning to solve dosing calculations, filling prescriptions according to doctor’s orders, and overcoming a fear of failure that cause many young people to quit before they get started.

Trina Ito, C.Pht., Brabu’s lead technician, completed her certification last year and was assigned as Sablan’s mentor. “Kina is so friendly, I knew she would be a good hire. I was glad to see that she was also a quick learner and asked questions,” said Ito. “I was there to let her know, ‘If I can do it, you can do it too.’”

Sablan was enrolled in the Penn Foster Pharmacy Tech program and completed the on-line course in just nine months.

“The thought of a two-hour exam that has to be taken off island is really unnerving for many of our staff,” said Parker. “Some have never been off is-



Kina Sablan shows off her preliminary certification test results outside Pearson Center.

land so we fly them to Guam with someone to be their emotional support, either a family member, or in this case one of our staff. Supporters help them to stay focused, remember to breathe, and if necessary, drive them to and from the Pearson test site.”


“I was surprised that I wasn’t nervous when I first sat down in front of the test,” said Sablan. “I guess all the support made me feel more confident. That morning I got up, took a long walk along the beach, and I was ready.”

Sablan said her future plans may include pharmacy school. “Now, it doesn’t seem so far-fetched. I’d like to try. I’m already looking into possible schools. But for now I just want to gain some more experience and knowledge so I can take the next step.”

“We firmly believe in encouraging staff to keep learning and

expanding their responsibilities,” said Parker. “We all need more medical professionals on island. Brabu will continue to hire and train locally. The limit to how many people we can provide with hands-on training is only limited by sufficient funding.”

In order, to meet funding requirements Brabu Pharmacy has partnered with Brabu Komunidat, a 501(c)3 non-profit. Together they have been submitting grant proposals to federal agencies for competitive funding. The competition is steep, so anyone interested in learning more about Brabu Komunidat, want to contribute letters of support or funding toward furthering Brabu’s training program, or just curious about pharmacy work are invited to stop by Brabu Pharmacy any time Monday through Friday 9am to 1pm, or call 233-(AMOT) 2668. Contributions are tax deductible. **(PR)**



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SEALED PROPOSALS for **PROCUREMENT AND DELIVERY OF ONE (1) 1,500-GALLON AIRCRAFT RESCUE AND FIRE FIGHTING (ARFF) VEHICLE** to the **FRANCISCO C. ADA/SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, COMMONWEALTH OF NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS, CPA-SA-002-13**, will be received at the office of the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY, Francisco C. Ada / Saipan International Airport, PO Box 501055, Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950.

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The project, in general, consists of the procurement and delivery of one (1) brand new aircraft rescue fire fighting vehicle in accordance with the specifications.

The Project is being financed by funds from U.S. Federal Aviation Administration and Commonwealth Ports Authority. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within one hundred twenty (120) calendar days from the receipt of bids. CPA reserves the right to hold such bids in effect for one hundred eighty (180) calendar days from the date of bid opening.

The contract period for procurement and delivery in its entirety shall be **THREE HUNDRED SIXTY (360) CALENDAR DAYS**. Liquidated damages of **FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)** shall be assessed the contractor for each calendar day the completion of the project is delayed beyond the contract completion date without excuse.

The apparent low bidder may be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are “responsive and responsible.” This review will include, but is not necessarily limited to previous project experience, financial capabilities, quality of equipment and personnel, and bonding and insurance. If the apparent low bidder is found not to be “responsive or responsible”, their bid will be rejected and the next lowest bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

All mechanics and laborers on the project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. A copy of the Department of the Federal Labor Wage Rate Determination is included in Section GP 60-25 of the specifications.

Each bidder must complete, sign, and furnish the “Bidder’s Statement on Previous Contracts Subject to EEO Clause”, a “Certification of Nonsegregated Facilities”, and the “Assurance of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises Participation”, as contained in the bid proposal documents, with the submission of the Bid Proposal.

A CD-Rom containing the bid proposal and contract documents including plans and specifications, may be obtained at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, upon the payment of **ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$150.00)** for each set of plan documents in electronic form (CD) including the bid schedule. This payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cash, cashier’s check or U.S. postal money order payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the CPA Conference Room, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, **10:00 AM, FRIDAY, JULY 19, 2013**, to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. All prospective bidders are required to attend. Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, at least seven (7) days prior to the pre-bid conference.

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All labor on the project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rates established by CNMI Law or Federal Law, whichever is higher. The Contractor shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract.

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/s/ FRANCES C. MAFNAS
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EDITORIAL

One last tale of the Twinkie

Twinkies were back in stores Monday, which could also mark the unofficial end to post-mortems on why their former maker, Hostess Brands, went bust last year.

The unions blamed incompetent management. Management blamed inflexible unions.

Twinkie lovers didn't care. They were just glad to munch on their sponge cakes.

Before everybody moves on, though, there's a little lesson here about government mission creep.

According to the Labor Department, Hostess was done in by overseas competition, its 18,000 workers displaced by foreign imports. That ruling allowed laid-off bakers and drivers to get expanded federal benefits under a decades-old program known as Trade Adjustment Assistance.

TAA awards training, income support, relocation allowances and other benefits to workers whose jobs have been shifted out of the country or eliminated by foreign competition. Democrats in Congress have insisted on the program as a quid pro quo for their support of free trade deals. It's a little more than a \$1 billion program.

Is the competition for Twinkies, Ho Hos and Wonder Bread made by low-cost labor in China? No.

The U.S. bakery industry has relatively little foreign competition. Some imports come from Canada, where sugar prices are lower because U.S. subsidies protect American sugar growers. Some imports come from Mexico and Europe. They're a modest share of bakery sales.

The Hostess workers qualified for TAA nevertheless, because practically any busted company that fights through the thicket of red tape in this program can get the benefits. The law requires a showing that foreign competition "contributed importantly" to job losses. As the TAA officer who signed off on this case once told *The Wall Street Journal*, "virtually anybody can qualify."

The real problems at Hostess were no mystery. The company struggled for years before its bankruptcy. Its executives failed to invest in its brands. Despite the legendary status of the Twinkie, the Hostess product line failed to keep up with consumer tastes.

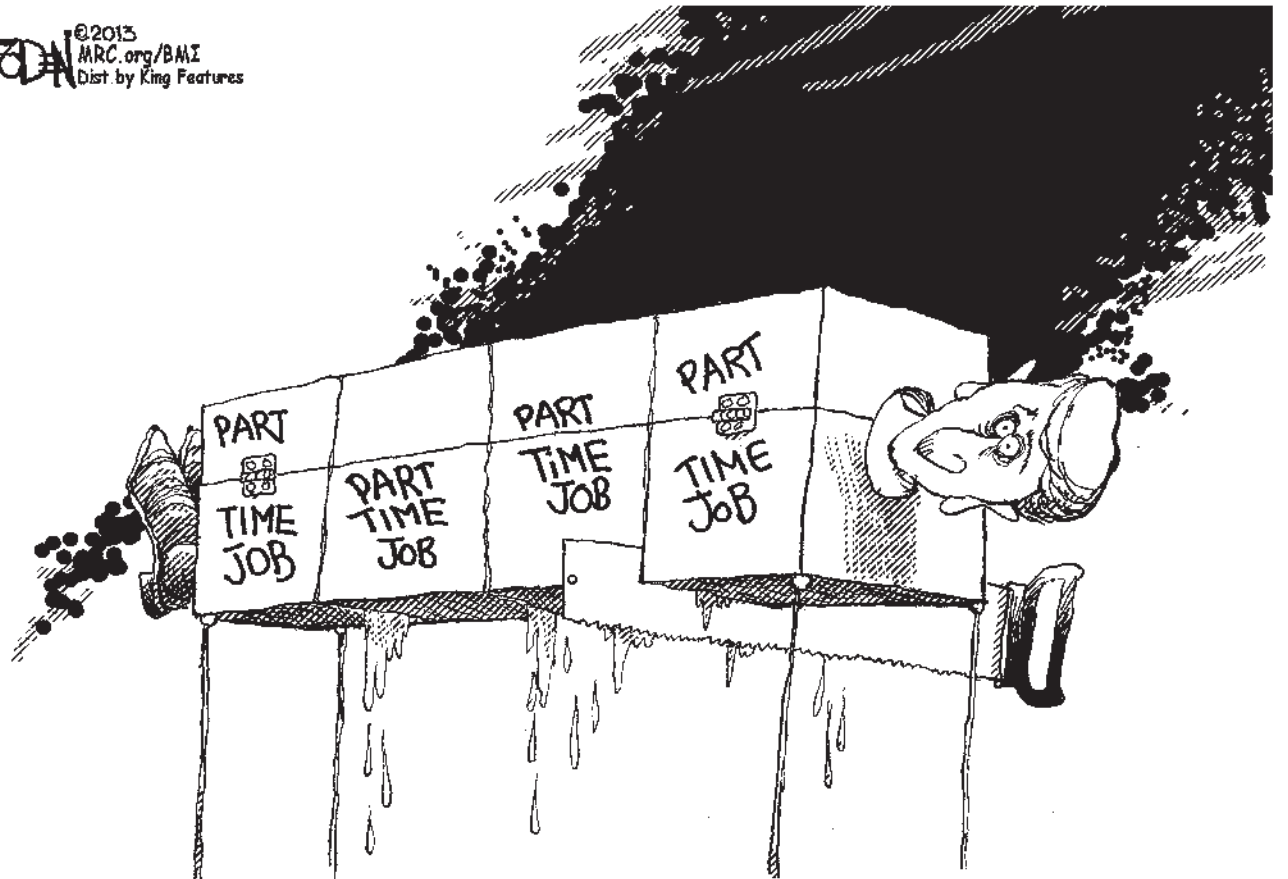
The company's pension and medical costs were higher than its domestic competitors. Union rules made its operating structure unwieldy. When a restructuring expert hired to save the company from liquidation failed to reach a contract agreement with Hostess' second-largest union, it was bye-bye Twinkies. In bankruptcy, it sold off its assets to various buyers.

As a result, Hostess Brands now has a far less costly operating structure. Production has been consolidated. Some of its previous workers were hired back at lower pay rates, under common-sense work rules. Hostess, for instance, now can deliver to warehouses that supply retailers instead of only delivering directly to stores. That will dramatically expand the availability of its products and save labor costs.

The good news: The products still will be produced in the United States. Funny how none of the companies that picked up chunks of Hostess in its bankruptcy seemed terribly concerned about competition from bakeries abroad. Whatever the Labor Department says, the Hostess brands are well-positioned to grow again.

Thousands of former Hostess workers have gone through the pain and uncertainty that hits all workers who lose their jobs. But the injection of Trade Adjustment Assistance here was a stretch. Just one small reason why federal debt has sprinted past \$16.8 trillion.

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JOB CREATION and the MAGIC of OBAMACARE

CQ

We briefly dipped our toes in our host country's downturns by commenting on the sudden decline of ex-Politburo member Bo Xilai's political fortunes. His exit from the helms of managing a modern city, Chongqing—which henceforth will be coded as CG, the most sophisticated yet in our Zhongguo travels—is rued by many but it has not hampered the speed by which the city seems to careen into the future.

Calling CQ a city is, of course, a misnomer. It is one of four municipalities of China directly under the supervision of the central government. This four are Beijing and Tianjin in Hebei, international Shanghai, and CQ by the Chiang Jiang (Yangtze River).

CQ used to be just a city of Sichuan province until 1997 when neighboring cities were added to the Manhattan-like city to form the largest municipality by geography in the country. The reference to New York is no coincidence. Aside from the geographical similarity of the promontory at the juncture of Jialing Jiang's joining the Chiang Jiang, as Manhattan is relative to the Hudson River emptying into to the Atlantic, Manhattan and Jiefengbei's sky-lines have Empire State building lookalikes, the cities also have extensive fingerprints of many syndicated groups!

My acquaintance in the big Apple lived in White Plains of rather ordinary folks who contracted for work in the city's nether lands of sewage and water works, waste disposal and trash collection. Getting government contracts was a matter of connection, and the *paisanos* with Ludwig and Niall in the '60s, they had a head start on the bidding.

The work in Chongqing since the nationalist made it its capital during the second Sino-Nippon war and WWII is on construction, which was all public until Deng Xiaoping instituted reforms and opening up. More so now that the whole nation seem to have gotten into the widespread disease of massive edifice complexes (another subject of reflection later).

Lucrative government contracts give a lot of leverage on regulatory, licensing, and permit issuing offices (avoid despair, ignore thinking CNMI) that allegedly proved to be too tempting for lawyer Gu Kailai, her mayor husband, and high-flying son—an alumnus

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of England's Harrier and Oxford, and Massachusetts's Harvard, to pass up. This is hardly unique in China. The CCP's top challenge is how to curtail "corruption" within its top ranks. President Xi Jinping's most quoted advice to Party members and high government functionaries: "You cannot be in government and get rich at the same time!"

Chongqingshi (shi = municipality) is huge. It is the size of a province but administered like a city. All right, all you geography buffs, its neighbors are: Hubei and Hunan (east), Guizhou (south), Sichuan (west), and Shaanxi (north). It is located at the edge of the Yungui Plateau. There are small green capped mountains: Daba Shan in the north, Wu Shan in the east, Wuling Shan in the southeast, and Dalou Mountain to the south.

CQ has the hills of San Francisco, the elevated freeways of L.A., the density of a Manhattan, with the air of Pittsburgh in the '70s, the 60-degree incline of stairs in Hong Kong, the ecotopia of Seattle, the polyglot of Vancouver, the mugginess of Houston in July that keeps the residents indoors (one is thought foolish to be caught outdoors in July and August) resembling the quietude of Guatemala, Caracas, Lima, and Santiago at noon.

There were no shortage of porcelain dolls in CQ and the ones outdoors in July tended to be more athletic, with more pronounced bosoms and buttocks (a descriptive rather than a sexist comment), and definitely adherents of red, brunette, and blonde Clairol's heads!

My standard procedure when hitting a town is to locate the public

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A river cruise ship prepares to take tourists for an hour trip on the Yangtze.

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Issue on national security

The use of the Saipan International Airport as a divert airfield is wrapped in two differing views: 1). Our country's national security and need for stability in the Asia-Pacific region. 2). The diversion of economic benefits for Tinian had the plan been kept to the second senatorial district.

While simple islanders plan for today, our country's planners and strategists look 100 years in advance. Our planning is limited to the distance we squirt filthy betel nut spit. Not only is the habit retarded but filthy too!

Some of us may be disagreeable on the use of Pagan for military exercises. But we're a bit too late, having approved the Covenant Agreement more than 35 years ago. Review Section One where we surrendered "sovereignty." In brief, the national security interest of our country takes precedence.

It includes a provision of procedural acquisition of additional land requiring U.S. congressional approval, including the use of eminent domain. Basically, we're stuck with the dictates inherent in the agreement. We can kick and rant and you can capture it all in your iPhone video, but that is as far as we could go—share it with friends on Facebook and Twitter. And after all is said and done, a lot more is said than done.

The obvious missing link is in how leadership approaches these plans as they unfold. Is it one of acceptance in servility or would meaningful negotiations ensue?

My only issue with such a plan is the heavy and often unbearable noise pollution that would be major disruptions to schools in As Gonno and San Vicente.

It gets clearer by the day the impending use of the islands for military purposes. It obviates the need to push for the reopening of the 902 talks. It's the only vehicle to resetting our buttons and fostering synergistic working relationship with Washington.

Descent of digital age

With pleasantry, I've kept apace of events that unfolded in the recently concluded Pacific Educational Conference. It included experts in education from throughout the region.

Discussions focused on policy matters, leadership, community participation, and instructions.

My interest focuses on issues discussed in smaller groups of the conference. Therein lie the more substantive issues, the benefit of the free flow of ideas in "educated" discussion, the agreed consensus and plan of action.

There are only a few of us who have represented the CNMI in regional bodies between Micronesia, the entire Pacific region and Asia. I've had this experience as a staff of the Congress of Micronesia, the Micronesian Constitutional Convention, my participation in the founding of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures in the mid-'80s, South Pacific Community, Asian Pacific Parliamentarians' Union, and the Economic Social Commission of Asia and the Pacific.

It was a golden experience that broadened my horizon on issues beyond provincialism in the Taga Stone famous isles of the NMI. It permits for meaningful contrasting of similar issues and the "what would have been" had we taken a more informed disposition.

Abuse of minor children

It's troubling the recent increase in sexual abuse of minors in the

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market and the community node where people meet regularly (usually a park or a square). Places around the market offer fresh and inexpensive food. Where people gather before sundown to line dance affords us a feel of the local population. I also locate the public bus in front of where I am staying, board it to one end and return, then, board another route. There were eight bus routes fronting my hotel in CQ.

CQ has been ranked by the World Bank as one of the most polluted cities in the world. We reside in Dong Bei where we inhale carbon for breakfast, so we did not notice. It was the heat that did. I do not normally go outside in my undershirt but guys wore them as daily attire when they bother to put on a shirt at all, save the office stuffed shirts, but they ride in air-conditioned cars. My black *sando* saw outside duty in CQ.

Chaotianmen Park heads Jiefengbei's (the Manhattan part of CQ), and at the point, on the confluence of Jialing Jiang and Chong Jiang, the park is shaped like the bulkhead of a ship. It makes sense. Lifeblood to CQ and many other southwest cities are rivers and their tributaries.

It was at CQ wharf long time ago that a young Sichuan strapping lad boarded a ship to Shanghai, and on to France where he connected with Zhou En Lai. His name was Deng Xiaoping.

NMI. I find trouble in both the abettor and the abused kid. The abettor may be a sick person who needed psychiatric treatment.

Sending him to the slammer isn't the single pill that cures all. And unless we help him deal with his egregious misgivings, he may never find full closure of the crime that sent him to jail.

Obviously, the abused kid is left with a permanent trauma only she must deal with for life. She too needs psychological counseling that would enable her to gradually regain personal strength to deal with the future.

This brings up a related issue: Jail time for criminals. I'm interested in the restoration of these folks so they could return to society as productive folks. Imagine the cost on taxes we pay for their maintenance that is not less than \$3,000 per inmate per month. It's too costly!

Difficult the issue may be, I honestly hope that rehabilitation grants these folks the opportunity to extend their services in productive fashion versus rotting uselessly in jail. I've dealt with a hardcore criminal whom I reduced to tears, begging for reconciliation with the man upstairs. Hell, I start these guys with "Our Father 101." Perhaps it is this anchor they need to reset their moral buttons.

Department of 'Just Us'

The founding fathers established guiding principles for a government of laws. It included "due process" rights for the accused. Yet, US AG Eric Holder came out swinging that the Department of Justice would investigate the verdict in the Zimmerman case. His

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Casinos, ferries, and feasibility BS

Casinos are poised to be shoved down our throats, just as I predicted some seven years ago and we can only pray that the Senate will save us as it is common knowledge the governor will sign the bill if approved by the Senate. I want to share some food for thought on the facts and the history of the efforts to create casinos on Saipan.

It should be duly noted that this issue is over a decade old and given that length of time we must consider what was done to promote casinos and what they failed to do in promoting casinos. What the proponents of casinos did was make a lot of promises of what casinos could do. They have promised that casinos could help everything, from education to saving the Fund, which are just excuses! To make it worse, the casino proponents have only offered unsubstantiated rhetoric filled with pie-in-the-sky solutions but not one bit of proof!

I brought forth a real option to Saipan casinos with the creation of a ferry industry that would eventually allow the CNMI to bring tourists and locals from Guam to the CNMI. There is a genuine potential for hundreds of thousands of visitors from Guam a year that will take advantage of a ferry service to the CNMI's casinos on Tinian and Rota. But people were told by the governor that "we are not ready for ferries yet and we need to do a feasibility study." Well, I'm sure a lot of people want to know what happened to the feasibility study for Saipan casinos! You would think that, after an entire decade, people would have been privy to a feasibility study, a scale model of the casinos that would be built and some kind of formal document of intent or commitment from the investor(s). But we haven't seen any creditable proof to justify Saipan casinos. We are expected to have blind faith in this administration and just accept the lip service we are getting as being the facts on what we need to do. Well, we teach students to be independent thinkers, not blind followers and I think people are a lot smarter than the governor thinks as we all know his first official act was to reinstate the call for casinos.

The leadership promoting casinos has been passed along like a baton in a relay race until it was clear that only the governor had enough clout to force the Legislature and people to accept Saipan casinos. It should be clear from the feasibility BS by the governor that this administration wants to kill anything that can derail Saipan casinos and will do and say anything to get what they want; it does not matter what people and even the church want. This casino issue is truly another classic good-versus-evil scenario being played out in live and living color.

Casinos proponents fail to generate the very same feasibility study that is being required of ferries before we can go forward. What a sad political ploy that was played on the people. We had better be strong like the parents most of us are and stop accepting this BS and let our leaders know that no means no!

Ambrose and Lillian Bennett
Kagman, Saipan

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Special to the Saipan Tribune



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subtle statement did nothing but stoke angry reaction from profiteers brandishing the race card, folk who literally never probe the case to understand whether in fact there's any shred of evidence of racism in the case.

The Zimmerman acquittal is far from a racial issue. Too, how could it be racist when the murder of African-Americans is committed 92 percent of the time by blacks on blacks in places like Chicago and other cities? It's a considered acquittal and all must move on with a sense of maturity.

The bar set to litigate the case via civil action is a bit too steep for what Holder envisions. Let the issue rest, Mr. Holder, lest you're espousing a U.S. Department of "Just Us." While at it, why won't you file charges against IRS staff that plainly abused their color of office? Or are you in cahoots with President Obama to willfully shred all constitutional provisions that fail to meet your political agenda? Despicably disgusting, sir!

'Impervious ground area'

In addition to comments made by Mr. Frank Mitchell in a recent letter to the editor about the covered concrete or plant materials' appropriateness on roadways median, it is interesting to note that the reasons given by Public Works are contrary to what nature calls.

The concept about "impervious ground area" is a principle that should be a common language for public offices entrusted as guardians of the environment. Does the secretary of Public Works have any idea about land use matters relating to "impervious ground area" as a basic public policy issue? What about government offices like, CRM, DEQ, Zoning, DPL, CUC, and other public works related agencies? do these offices have any thoughts about what "impervious ground area" does to the environment or the laws of nature?

But, then again, we are not so sure what our bureaucrats have in mind, unless we invite them to a sensible discussion. We know that concrete or artificial materials would never grow on soil, and that's just from the point of view of taking care of our environment.

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Kannat Tabla, Saipan

My fifty cents

Sen. Wyden and CNMI Delegate Kilili Sablan cosponsored a bill raising the federal minimum wage to \$10.10 an hour, and oddly introduced S.1237, the Omnibus Territories Act, which delays the 50-cent increments raising the CNMI minimum wages to \$7.25.

CNMI citizens overwhelmingly support an escalation in wages and a comment period among citizens will confirm that fact. We need to build a better Commonwealth with citizens employed at increasingly higher wages.

Some politicians, earning outstanding salaries with per diem, travel allotments, retirement and healthcare, receiving campaign contributions from the very big businesses lobbying to depress wages themselves, say locals here have no work ethic.






Local citizens' work ethic is tied to incentive and the same person disenchanting with their underpaid job may be a model employee if they earned a livable wage.

Ron Hodges
Puerto Rico, Saipan

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Southeast winds 5 to 10 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds around 5 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°

Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲89 ▼81
Palau	Showers	▲88 ▼75
Yap	Showers	▲91 ▼77
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲87 ▼78
Pohnpei	Showers	▲86 ▼74
Kosrae	Showers	▲86 ▼74
Majuro	Showers	▲86 ▼80

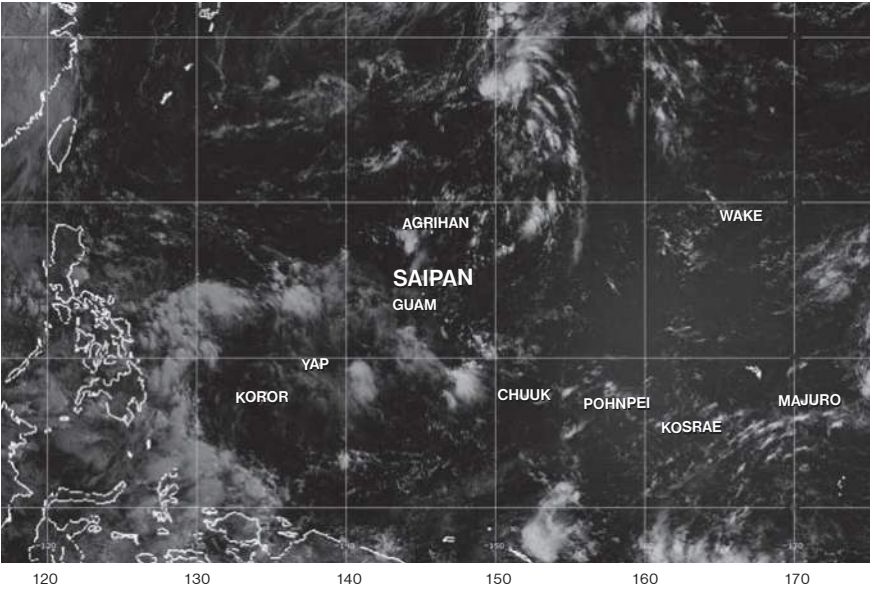
Around The Globe

Auckland	Mostly Cloudy	▲60 ▼53
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲86 ▼69
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲88 ▼82
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲85 ▼74
London	Partly Cloudy	▲88 ▼67
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲78 ▼65
Manila	Thundershowers	▲87 ▼79
Melbourne	Showers	▲57 ▼45
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲89 ▼77
New York	Partly Cloudy	▲83 ▼75
Osaka	Thundershowers	▲87 ▼78
Paris	Mostly Sunny	▲93 ▼70
Pusan	Windy	▲85 ▼77
Rome	Sunny	▲88 ▼69
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲89 ▼57
San Francisco	Cloudy	▲63 ▼58
Seoul	Thundershowers	▲81 ▼75
Tokyo	Thundershowers	▲89 ▼75
Washington, DC	Thundershowers	▲87 ▼77

Tides

Saipan Harbor			
1:47 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.1 Feet
6:58 AM	Today	High Tide:	2.1 Feet
2:22 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.6 Feet
9:18 PM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, SUNDAY, JULY 21, 2013

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A surface trough curves northeastward from Mindanao through 8N130E to end near Pagan at 18N146E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are present between Yap and Guam within 135 miles of a line from 16N139E to 7N147E and also over the northern CNMI between 15N and 19N from 143E to 148E. Isolated thunderstorms are found southwest of Koror within 75 miles of a line from 6N131E to EQ132E and also near Koror between 6N and 9N from 135E to 137E. A circulation is centered northwest of Minami Tori Shima at 26N150E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are seen south of Minami Tori Shima between 18N and 22N from 153E to 156E. A trade-wind disturbance is causing isolated thunderstorms near Pohnpei between 6N and 9N from 154E to 158E. Trade-wind convergence is producing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms east of Majuro or east of a line from 6N174E to 14N179E.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:57 AM	6:50 PM
Tuesday	5:57 AM	6:50 PM
Wednesday	5:57 AM	6:50 PM
Thursday	5:58 AM	6:49 PM
Friday	5:58 AM	6:49 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	6:15 PM	5:02 AM
Tuesday	7:09 PM	6:06 AM
Wednesday	8:00 PM	7:09 AM
Thursday	8:47 PM	8:09 AM
Friday	9:32 PM	9:06 AM

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MAY 23, 2013

DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA5070	4:35am	5:25am	2, 4, 6, 7	UA 5069	2:45am	3:35am	2, 4, 6, 7
UA5062	4:50am	5:40am	1, 3, 5	UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA5068	8:35am	9:25am	Daily	UA5073	10:00am	10:50am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7
UA5074	11:20am	12:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA5075	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5076	3:10pm	4:00pm	Daily	UA5077	5:35pm	6:25pm	Daily
UA5078	6:55pm	7:45pm	Daily	UA5079	8:20pm	9:10pm	Daily
UA5072	9:45pm	10:35pm	Daily				
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	8:45am	Daily	DL298	10:25am	3:05pm	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:25pm	Daily	DL288	8:15pm	12:50am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	1, 4, 5, 7	OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1	OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily	OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	1, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764	4:10am	8:00am	1, 5	MU763	7:55pm	3:10am+1	4, 7
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-KHABAROVSK (KHV)				KHABAROVSK (KHV)-SAIPAN			
SYL9950	6:40pm	1:30am+1	7	SYL9949	12:45pm	5:20pm	7
SAIPAN-VLADIVOSTOK (VVO)				VLADIVOSTOK (VVO)-SAIPAN			
XF1734	4:15pm	10:30pm	4 Every other week eff May 16	XF1733	11:20am	3:25pm	4 Every other week eff May 16
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ606/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN	PR110/UA5072	7:55am	6:25pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	DL172/288	8:00am	12:50am+1	Daily via NRT
UA5070/191	4:35am	9:55am	6 via GUM	UA190/5077	10:55am	6:25pm	3, 6 via GUM
UA5062/191	4:50am	9:55am	3 via GUM	UA190/5079	10:55am	9:10pm	3, 6 via GUM
DL287/173	6:05am	10:05pm	Daily via NRT	OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
UA5068/PR111	8:35am	4:35pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM	OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
US5074/PR111	11:20am	4:35pm	1, 5, 7 via GUM	UA184/5071	10:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5076/183	3:10pm	8:45pm	2, 5 via GUM	OZ704/603	11:45pm	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
UA5076/183	3:10pm	8:50pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	UA184/5071	11:35pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	Daily via ICN				
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN	OZ746/603	12:30am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
UA5076/147	3:10pm	9:50pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM	OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ604/745	3:30pm	10:40pm	Daily via ICN	UA180/5071	10:45pm	8:05am+1	1, 5 via GUM
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LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; VLK: Vladivostok Air; SYL: Yakutia Air.

ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The *Saipan Tribune* is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency	Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam-Rota				FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
Guam-Rota				FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan							
FRE 1750	17:50	18:20	Daily	Tinian-Saipan			
Saipan-Rota				FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
Saipan-Rota				FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 400				FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
Saipan-Tinian				FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily				
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily				



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- *11 on any PTI cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.com

Asylum seekers cause \$55 million damage in Nauru

CANBERRA, Australia (AP)—Some 125 asylum seekers were in police custody on the Pacific island nation of Nauru after a riot ended with fire destroying most of an Australian-run detention center there, an official said on Sunday.

The fire on Friday evening destroyed all the accommodation blocks, medical facilities and offices and caused an estimated 60 million Australian dollars (\$55 million) damage, an Immigration Department spokeswoman said under the department's usual condition of anonymity. Only the dining and recreation buildings survived the blaze.

She said 125 asylum seekers remained in police custody on Sunday over the riots and blaze. She did not know how many had been charged. Nauru Police Commissioner Richard Britten did not immediately return a phone call on Sunday.

The remaining 420 asylum seekers had been transferred to a second detention camp under construction at another part of the tiny atoll that is home to fewer than 10,000, the spokeswoman said. They are now living in tents.

Eight asylum seekers received hospital treatment following the riot in which protesters hurled

rocks at guards and police armed with batons and shields.

Australia pays Nauru and Papua and New Guinea to hold asylum seekers who attempt to reach the Australian shore by boat. Their asylum claims are assessed at the island detention camps.

In a further step to deter future boat arrivals, the government announced that since Friday all bona fide refugees who arrive by boat will be permanently settled in Papua New Guinea, a national of 7 million mostly subsistence farmers.

Ian Rintoul, coordinator of Australia's Refugee Action Coalition advocacy group, said

asylum seekers could no longer be adequately cared for at Nauru because of the fire and should be brought to Australia.

Rintoul said Friday's protest against delays in asylum claims being processed had been planned throughout last week. The fire had not been planned, he said.

"The Friday night protest was planned to be a breakout and march to the airport then back to the detention center," Rintoul said.

"What seems to have happened is that there has been far more resistance than had been expected," he said.

Most of the protesters were Iranian, Palestinian, Lebanese and Iraqi, he said.

Clint Deidenang, a resident who witnessed the hour-long riot from the camp fence, told Australian Broadcasting Corp. radio on Saturday that up to

1,000 local Nauruan men carrying machetes and steel pipes arrived to help police prevent the asylum seekers from breaking out.

Deidenang described the unrest as the biggest riot he had ever seen on the island.

Lions Club repaints Kagman Lion monument



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Saipan Marianas Lions Club members pose for a group shot after repainting the Lion monument near the intersection leading to the highway leading to Kagman.

The Saipan Marianas Lions Club repainted the more than two-decades-old Lion Monument near the traffic light intersection leading to the highway toward Kagman last July 14.

A total of six SMLC members, one Saipan Fil-Am Lion Club member, and one volunteer also took part in the repainting effort led by first vice president Annamae Adaza.

Also helping in the cleaning and repainting were SMLC secretary Olive Yana, treasurer Flor Miranda, public relations officer Lolly Velasco, tamer Domeng Domes, member Lorna Baro, Saipan Fil-Am Lions Club's Mario Mayuga, and volunteer

Ramhae Awit.

Adaza said that Rep. Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) donated the paint and materials were purchased using club funds. She said it took them about three hours to finish the whole painting job.

"We are not professional painters but at least we were able to bring back life to the monument. The job is not yet totally done, as we still need to put the signage of the monument. Actually we are looking for another location where we can erect another Lion monument which at the same time can be a tourist attraction, knowing that Lions clubs are

worldwide," said Adaza.

The Saipan Pacific Lions Club Lion built the monument in Kagman in 1992. It was eventually turned over to SMLC. The monument was last repainted three years ago.

"It is one of the projects of the club and we have to continue to rehabilitate the monument as much as possible, knowing that the paint will fade in the long run," added Adaza.

SMLC president Nelida Atalig is off-island but will return to the island next month. Some SMLC members were also not able to join the painting job due to their work schedules.

Aside from the Lion monu-



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A total of seven Lions Club members and a volunteer took part in the repainting effort.



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Lions Club members took three hours to clean and then give the monument a fresh coat of paint.

ment repainting, other previous projects of SMLC are the renovation of the Civic Center at the Susupe basketball court funded by Filipino Community Foundation Inc., the yearly Health Fair, environmental cleanup, the yearly Peace Poster contest, fund drives for calamity victims, book drives for schools, and rubber shoes drive for PE classes of high school students.

SMLC still welcomes new members. For more information about the Lions Club, check its website at www.lionsclubs.org or call Atalig at 233-3854, Adaza at 483-5237, or Yana at 989-9823. **(Mark Rabago)**

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Appoint General) NO. 13-0254
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(8/5/2008))
& J. J. S. B.)
(8/10/2007))

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HEARING**

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Karie Santer)
Petitioners)

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Dated this 6th day of June, 2013.

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Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director



INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-13-021

**CONSTRUCTION OF 300K GALLON TANK
REPLACEMENT FOR PAPAGO TANK**

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), Office of the Executive Director, is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Construction of a 300K Gallon Tank Replacement for Papago Tank for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This project is funded by a grant from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the approval for project award from USEPA.

The selected firm shall have experience in construction and design of pre-stressed concrete and or welded steel water storage tanks. The work consists of demolition of the existing glass-fused, steel bolted 0.50 million gallon tank and its foundation; construction of the new 300K gallon tank as per approved design, foundation, tank appurtenances, and yard piping and connections.

The project is to be completed in **300 calendar days** from date of contract award.

The Bid Tender Documents may be secured, upon receipt of payment by the CUC Treasury Section by cash, check or credit card of \$100.00. The payment is non-refundable. The payment receipt shall be presented to the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-Bid Conference is scheduled on July 11, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. (ChST), at the CUC Safety & Compliance Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No. 14, Joeten Dandan, Commercial Building.

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This Invitation for Bids and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

One (1) original and Five (5) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-13-021, Construction of 300K Gallon Tank Replacement for Papago Tank" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on August 6, 2013**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. Insufficient copies of bid submitted can be subject to technical default and rejection of bid.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Payment Bond of one hundred percent (100%) and a Performance Bond of one hundred percent (100%) of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. For the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract, the Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurer questions, concerns and qualification shall be governed by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code. Please refer to other bidding requirements described in Section 002113 - Instructions to Bidders.

All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on July 19, 2013 to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Procurement & Supply Manager, via email manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to John Riegel, Water/Wastewater, Chief Engineer via email john.riegel@cucgov.org & Christi Lazaro, Water Division Assistant Engineer via email Christi.lazaro@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation.

ALAN FLETCHER
Acting Executive Director

TRO stops sole-source contract for COP public land

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REPORTER

Superior Court Presiding Judge Robert C. Naraja yesterday issued a temporary restraining order that prevents the departments of Public Lands and Finance from pursuing a sole-

source contract to lease the public land where Coral Ocean Point Resort Club sits.

Naraja granted the TRO requested by Pacific Investment Development Corp. and Vicente O. Litulumar.

PIDC and Litulumar, through counsel Robert Myers, said they

will be irreparably harmed by DPL's and Finance's alleged pursuit of the sole-source contract leasing with Suwaso Corp., Micronesia Resorts Inc., and E-Land Park Limited, or any like individual or entity.

E-Land is reportedly the new majority owner of COP.

Naraja ordered DPL and Finance to appear in court on Aug. 2, 2013, to show cause why the TRO should not continue as a preliminary injunction pending a final determination on the merits of the lawsuit.

The judge did not require PIDC and Litulumar to post any

security in obtaining the TRO.

In November 2012, PIDC, through counsel Ramon K. Quichocho, sued DPL and Finance over the alleged waiving of assumed tax obligations of E-Land Group of Korea.

In PIDC's new motions filed last week, Myers cited DPL's recent agreement with Suwaso Corp., Micronesia Resorts Inc., and E-Land Park Limited to immediately begin the renovation and improvement plans for

COP on or before July 31, 2013, despite the underlying lease agreement having been terminated since June 2012 and the extension agreement for another 15-year lease extension was not approved by the Legislature.

COP is located on a 735,023 square meter property at Aginagan Point, Saipan. Under the law, any lease and extension of lease of public land consisting of more than five hectares requires legislative approval.

Saipan Awaodori Team off to Japan

Four more members of the Saipan Awaodori Team will be going to Japan this month and earlier next months to take part in the year's biggest Awaodori Festival in Tokyo, Japan.

Musician/dancer Ronald Fitipol Fernandez and dancer Itheyvin They will leave Saipan on July 25 and join up with four other members of the Saipan Awaodori Team who left earlier.

Fernandez is a 7th grade student of Hopwood Junior High School. His parents are Rose Analee and Jeffrey Fernandez and this is his third time to join the group in Japan.

An 8th grader at Hopwood, They is making the trip to Japan for the second time. Her parent is Innocenzia Opokunong.

Dancers Nyla Julie Sablan Ogumoro and Cody Josiah Litulumar, meanwhile, will fly to Japan on Aug. 11.

Ogumoro is a 10th grader at Mariana High School. Her parents are Immaculada and Anthony Ogumoro and this is her second year with the group Litulumar, meanwhile, is



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Saipan Awaodori Team lead dancer Elisa Lazaro with members of the Tokyo Tensuiren group.

the grandson of Manuel R. Sablan and is an 8th grader from Hopwood.

Already in Japan are musician/drummers Zacarias Sakisat, Mitsunobu and Ran Suzuki, and dancer Eliza Lazaro.

Sakisat is the oldest member of the group and this is his first trip to Japan, while Suzuki is a graduate of Saipan Southern High School. Sister Ran, meanwhile, goes to school at Hopwood. Their mother is Mayumi

Suzuki, owner of Okadaya Store in Susupe.

Lead dancer Lazaro is a 10th grade student of Saipan Southern High School. Her mother is Evelyn Hermosilla. This is Lazaro's third time to join the Tokyo Tensuiren group in Japan.

The four members already in Japan took part in the Shirogane Tokyo performance held on July 14.

Fernandez and They will join them in the next four shows—in Ujiie, Tochige on July 21, Nerima, Kitamachi Tokyo on July 27, Kamimizo Kanagawa, Japan in July 28, and Higashirinkan, Kanagawa on Aug. 3 and 4.

Ogumoro and Litulumar complete the eight-man ensemble on Aug. 11 and they will perform in shows in Susono, Sizuoka Japan on Aug. 17, Ontakesan, Tokyo on Aug. 18, and the aforementioned grand show in Koenji, Tokyo on Aug. 23, 24, and 25.

The Saipan Awaodori Team is coordinated by PDM Promoters, Inc. and association

spokesperson Sonia G. Siwa said this year also marks the first time musicians will join the Tokyo Tensuiren group for performances. In previous years only dancers from Saipan took part in the show.

Siwa said the Awaodori Festival is the biggest festival celebration held every year in July/August in Japan.

She said the most famous is the Koenji Awaodori Festival where 200 groups made up of as much as 12,000 dancers and musicians plus millions of spectators congregate.

The most famous group in Koenji, Japan is the Tokyo Tensuiren, which is the mother group of the Saipan Awaodori Team.

PDM Promoters CEO and director Misako Kamata will accompany the eight members of the Saipan Awaodori Team. Instructor/teacher Mayumi Suzuki will later join him. She is also a member of Tokyo Tensuiren.

The Saipan Awaodori Team is expected to return to Saipan on Aug. 28. **(Mark Rabago)**

Complying with the 2013 final rule on the FMLA

On March 8, 2013, the final Family and Medical Leave Act rule from the Department of Labor went into effect for all U.S. employers. The new regulations—including expanded leave for military service members and airline flight crews, changes to the model certification forms, and updates to the rules for calculating intermittent FMLA leave—must be complied with immediately.

All employers must begin using the updated FMLA notice and certification forms and posting the new FMLA poster in the workplace. In order to comply with these regulatory provisions, employers should review their FMLA policy, forms and internal processes to make sure they are not running afoul of the new law.

The July general membership meeting of the NMI Chapter of the Society for Human Resource Management will in-

clude a presentation by Patrick Candoleta, U.S. Department of Labor Assistant District Director for Guam and the CNMI. This lunch meeting will be held at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan's Azucena I and II function rooms on July 24, 2013, Wednesday from 11:30am to 1:30pm.

This presentation is open to the public. Specifically, attendees will learn about the Labor's final rule on Family and Medical Leave; how to comply with new regulations; employee eligibility for FMLA; what employers need to know about FMLA; and how to count and manage intermittent leave properly.

The presentation includes lunch and the cost is \$20 for SHRM members and \$30 for non-members. Seats are limited, so reserve your seat by contacting Malou Jardinero at 234-6601 local 621/622 or e-mail her at malou_jardinero@tanholdings.com. **(SHRM)**

Alleged loan shark beats up woman in front of nightclub

An alleged loan shark reportedly beat up a woman in front of a nightclub in Garapan for failing to pay her \$1,000 loan plus interest that she borrowed to gamble at Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino.

Xi Yong Cheng was arrested and taken to Superior Court on Friday on charges of assault and battery and disturbing the peace. His bail was set at \$1,500 cash.

The alleged victim, Shuzhen Shen, sustained abrasions on the knees, bruises on the left palm, and swelling on her head above the right ear, according to police detective Rick A. Reyes.

Reyes stated in his report that two police officers responded to the front of ABC Store in western Garapan on July 11, 2013, at 11:58pm after receiving a call about an assault and battery incident.

Shen told police that she was standing at the entrance of the Macau Club at 11:56pm that day when Cheng came up to her and asked for money.

When she replied that she does not have money, Cheng allegedly punched her head six

to 10 times, causing her to drop to her knees. Cheng then allegedly grabbed her by the hair and dragged her about 15 feet from the entrance of the club.

Cheng only released the victim when a security guard standing across the club shouted at him. The suspect then ran toward the Top Pool Bar.

During his interview with Shen, Reyes said she told him that she went to the Tinian Dynasty two months ago. At the casino, Cheng approached Shen and asked if she wanted to borrow money. When she agreed, the suspect handed her nine casino chips, each worth \$100.

Shen agreed to pay back \$1,000 in cash in exchange for the chips. She stated that she had borrowed from Cheng several times before.

Cheng allegedly does business by making people borrow money with a \$100 interest. He would charge \$50 a week for late payments. Shen said that she has not paid Cheng.

Earlier, Cheng allegedly visited the victim in San Antonio to collect the \$1,000 plus late fee. **(Ferdie de la Torre)**



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Saipan Awaodori Team drummer/musician Zacarias Sakisat with Mitsunobu and Ran Suzuki.



BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

Happy 3rd birthday to our little one, Julia Clarisse Bella! Our lives would have been much easier if we directly became grandparents of a loving granddaughter like you rather than parents of a naughty child like your dad! We love you! Greetings come from Grandma Myrna and Grandpa Celso.

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James Constable to be installed as Saipan postmaster

HONOLULU — James M. Constable will be officially installed as the Saipan Postmaster at a special, invitation-only program scheduled for 9:30am tomorrow, July 23, in the Chamolinian Room at the Hyatt Regency Saipan.

Marshall has been serving as the Postmaster of the Saipan Post Office since October 2012. He replaced Amy Marshall, who retired.

As Saipan Postmaster, Constable supervises six postal employees and the distribution of more than 5,000 pieces of mail daily to 6,100 Chalan Kanoa

P.O. Box customers and another 1,900 customers of contract postal units on Capitol Hill, in San Vicente, and on Tinian.

Constable is a 26-year postal employee who previously served as the Postmaster in Haw River, North Carolina. He began his postal career as a mail carrier in Burlington, North Carolina.

"I pledge to provide the best possible service to the people of Saipan," said Constable. "I'm very much aware of the importance of the Postal Service to Saipan residents as well as to the business community."

The brief installation program will feature the administration of the postmaster's oath of office to Constable by USPS Honolulu District Manager Frank Santos. The event will be emceed by USPS Director of Asia-Pacific Relations Leo Tudela.

Constable was born in West Palm Beach, Florida, raised in North Carolina and graduated from Guilford College, in Greensboro, North Carolina. His hobbies are reading, social media, snorkeling, golf, and spending time with his family. He and his wife, Carolyn, have six children. **(USPS)**

Business

No signs Washington to come to Detroit's rescue

WASHINGTON (AP)—During the bleakest days of the Great Recession, Congress agreed in bipartisan votes to bail out two of Detroit's biggest businesses, General Motors and Chrysler.

Today, however, there seems little appetite from either Democrats or Republicans in Washington for a federal rescue of the birthplace of the automobile industry. Detroit now stands as the largest American city ever to file for bankruptcy protection.

Such a bailout would be huge, perhaps as much as \$20 billion. Federal resources are strained, with the national debt at \$16.7 trillion and the federal government struggling under the constraints of automatic spending cuts that took effect in March.

President Barack Obama has had a hard enough time getting his present proposals through Congress, where Democrats hold a narrow majority in the Senate and Republicans are in firm control of the House.

"I think it would be a waste of the president's time to even propose it. His plate is so full and throwing Detroit into the mix is the last thing in the world he'd want," said Ross Baker, a political science professor at Rutgers University who specializes in Congress. "I think the era of big government bailouts is over."

Political leaders in Washington haven't pushed for a bailout of Detroit, which was the nation's fourth-largest city in the 1950s but since has had a declining population, accelerated by hard times for the auto industry during and right after the punishing 2008-2009 recession.

Congress is still in near-gridlock territory. Opportunities for spending vast sums of money on a bailout for Detroit seem severely limited. The White House is taking a wait-and-see approach, but clearly exhibiting little enthusiasm for another big bailout.

"Can we help Detroit? We don't know," Vice President Joe

Biden said in a response to a reporter's question about a possible federal rescue. Presidential spokesman Jay Carney, when asked directly if a bailout was a possibility, appeared to rule out such assistance.

"We will, of course, as we would with any city in this country, work with that city and have policy discussions with leaders in the city, and make suggestions and offer assistance where we can," Carney said. "But on the issue of insolvency ... that's something that local leaders and creditors are going to have to resolve. But we will be partners in an effort to assist the city and the state as they move forward."

Local leaders aren't pushing for a federal bailout after the city filed for Chapter 9 bankruptcy protection Thursday, and Republican Gov. Rick Snyder isn't, either.

"People should not expect bailouts at either the federal or the state level," Snyder said in an interview with The Associ-

ated Press. "We've been very diligent about this. We want to be a supportive partner at the state level. I believe the federal government does (too)."

Detroit's bankruptcy could last at least through summer or fall 2014, when Snyder is expected to ask voters for another term.

"I deeply respect the citizens of Detroit," he said. "They along with the other 9 million

people in our state hired me to do this job. They're my customers. This was a tough step, a difficult decision, but it's the right decision."

Members of Michigan's congressional delegation aren't clamoring just yet for a federal bailout. "We just need to step back and think about it," said Rep. Sander Levin, D-Mich.

The city's emergency manager,

Kevyn Orr, says that for now, Detroit will stay open, bills will be paid and city services provided.

But the bankruptcy case could take years to resolve. Ahead of the filing, the city's two pension funds sued to block a bankruptcy. Bankruptcy could change pension and retiree benefits, which are guaranteed under state law. The impact on current city workers is unclear.

Dr. Nelson joins Dental Care of Garapan



Dr. Nelson Charles Krum and his crew at Dental Care in Garapan.

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There's a bright new face in the community and his name is Nelson Charles Krum, DDS.

"Dr. Nelson," as he is called, has practiced dentistry for 34 years. He brings a high standard of professional experience and newfound commitment to the island. Dr. Nelson is the only dentist in the Commonwealth who has received a presidential commendation from Ronald Reagan.

Dr. Nelson is no stranger to island life, as he had a thriving dental practice in the Grand Cayman in 1993. Saipan, however, has more to offer, he said.

"You have so much wonderful nature here," he said, smiling. "The great beaches, the mountain, the jungle. It's unique, and my wife Donna and I love it. We have only been here a few months, but are very impressed with the island and the people."

Another difference from the islands of the Caribbean is the Asian component to the CNMI. "There are many so different Asian communities on Saipan: Chinese, Korean, Japanese, Thai, and of course Filipino, and its Spanish heritage. What a great mix, and we look forward to all of the wonderful cultural opportunities!"

"Also shopping here is very interesting with all the Asian products on the shelves, and different languages being spoken. It's hard to believe that this is

the U.S.A."

How Dr. Nelson and his wife turned up on Saipan seems to be straight out of *The Hero's Journey* by Joseph Campbell.

After his stint in the Caymans, Dr. Nelson returned to his home state of Colorado and was instrumental in launching several innovative dental clinics. At one point he was managing dentist of 14 Colorado dental offices, and wore many hats—serving the customers, his fellow dentists, and the public.

Along the way, Dr. Nelson won many prestigious awards: "Nine Who Care" Award, Jefferson Institute Bronze Medal, and the National Foundation of Dentistry for the Handicapped.

He has also been highlighted in the media, including NBC's Today Show, PBS Denver, NBC in Phoenix, ABC Denver, as well as numerous business journal articles.

Despite the accolades, Dr. Nelson and his wife longed once again for the island life and he kept a sharp eye on the dental trade journals, looking for a place that needed a top-notch dentist.

As luck would have it, he saw an ad for Dental Care (Garapan, located beneath Joshua Berger's law office) and he applied for the position. The Dental Care clinic has been in business since 2002, and their slogan is "Quality care at reasonable rates."

One of the services that Dr. Nelson is offering is dentures, at a low price.

"Since Medicaid is no longer covering dentures, and so many people need them in the CNMI, it seemed like a helpful service to offer. Dental Care will offer a special, low-price denture package from now until Labor Day (Monday, Sept. 2)."

"We will charge only \$375 per denture. It is important to serve the people here, and make their office visits as affordable as possible. We want to provide an inexpensive alternative, especially for people who need dentures."

"Of course, we offer a full range of general dental care also, and can provide a new patient with a cleaning, examination, consultation and X-rays for only \$59. In the States, it would cost three times that amount."

If you would like to visit Dental Care, give them a call at 233-1100.

In addition to being an award-winning dentist, Dr. Nelson is also an author of two novels, and he has a keen interest in the history of the Marianas. He plans to write a book about Saipan and its history, although in novel form.

Dr. Nelson hopes someday to travel to some of the Northern Islands. He wants to see these wild, beautiful places before there is any modern development on them. (PR)



The Detroit skyline rises behind the monument to Joe Louis, also known as "The Fist," Thursday, July 18, 2013.

AP

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Michelin announces voluntary recall of 100K tires

WASHINGTON (AP)—Michelin is voluntarily recalling 100,000 tires after a retailer discovered that some had holes and quickly deflated. The recall affects certain sizes of Michelin's LTX M/S 2, X Radial LT2 and Latitude Tour tires. The tires are typically used on light trucks and SUVs. The puncture, in the sidewall, was caused by machines used to handle the finished tires. The tires were made in Michelin's Lexington, S.C. plant. There have been no reports of damage, death or injury. Michelin says about 2,500 of the recalled tires may have the defect. Customers who may have purchased the tires will be notified by mail beginning next week. Customers who have already replaced the tires may be reimbursed.

Dolce&Gabbana closes Milan stores in protest

MILAN (AP)—Fashion designers Domenico Dolce and Stefano Gabbana have closed their Milan stores for three days "in indignation" over remarks by a city official relating to their tax evasion conviction. The pair took out a full-page ad Saturday in Italian dailies expressing frustration

with "insults" aimed at them. The last straw, they said, were remarks by a city official who said tax evaders should not be allowed to use prominent city spaces. Dolce and Gabbana were found guilty last month of failing to declare 200 million euros (\$268 million) through a Luxembourg company. They deny the charges and plan to appeal.

FAA wants Dreamliner transmitters inspected

WASHINGTON (AP)—Airlines should inspect the emergency locator transmitters of all Boeing 787 "Dreamliners," the Federal Aviation Administration urged Friday following a fire earlier in the week aboard one of the airliners while parked at London's Heathrow Airport. British aviation authorities, who are investigating the fire on an Ethiopian Airlines 787, have said the transmitters should be disabled after finding that one of the squat orange boxes was the only thing with enough power to start a fire in the plane's tail section, which was scorched. The inspections would ask airlines to examine transmitters for proper wire routing and damaged or pinched wires, the statement said. The transmitter's lithium battery compartment would be inspected for heat or moisture.

Nation

Across the US, people rally for 'Justice for Trayvon'

ATLANTA (AP)—One week after a jury found George Zimmerman not guilty in the shooting death of unarmed teen Trayvon Martin, people gathered nationwide Saturday to press for federal civil rights charges against the former neighborhood watch leader, and to call for changes in the nation's self-defense laws.

The Florida case has become a flashpoint in separate but converging national debates over self-defense, guns, and race relations. Zimmerman, who successfully claimed that he was protecting himself when he shot Martin, identifies himself as Hispanic. Martin was black.

For some attendees, particularly those who are black, the rallies seemed as much about those larger issues as about the verdict.

"It's personal," said Cincinnati resident Chris Donegan, whose 11-year-old son wore a hoodie to the rally, as Martin did the night he died. "Anybody who is black with kids, Trayvon Martin became our son."

The Rev. Al Sharpton's National Action Network organized the "Justice for Trayvon" rallies and vigils outside federal buildings in at least 101 cities: from New York and Los Angeles to Wichita, Kan., and Atlanta, where people stood in the rain at the bases of two federal buildings, with traffic

A year after movie shooting, Colo. seeks healing

AURORA, Colo. (AP)—Some recited the names of the dead. Some did good deeds for their neighbors. Some practiced yoga, walked through nature, or simply talked. And two got married.

Coloradans embraced ways to heal Saturday as they marked the anniversary of the Aurora movie theater massacre with a city-sponsored "Day of Remembrance."

It was one year ago that a gunman opened fire into a packed midnight screening of the Batman film "The Dark Knight Rises." The rampage lasted less than two minutes but left deep wounds that still ache in Aurora, Colorado's third-largest city which spreads out across the rolling plains on Denver's eastern side.

Twelve people died, including a 6-year-old girl. Seventy were hurt, some of them paralyzed. Countless others inside the theater and out bear the invisible wounds of emotional trauma.

Parents, siblings and survivors of those slain attended a morning ceremony of prayer, song and remembrance outside Aurora's city hall.

Several hundred people—including police, fire personnel and members of Colorado's



Ullyses Diaz holds his son, Armani Hinton, as he listens to comments before marching in a rally, Saturday, July 20, 2013, in Las Vegas.

blocked on surrounding downtown streets.

Chants rang out across the rallies. "Justice! Justice! Justice! ... Now! Now! Now!" "We won't forget." "No justice! No peace!" Many also sang hymns, prayed

and held hands.

And plenty of participants carried signs: "Who's next?" "I am Trayvon Martin." "Enough Is Enough."

Most rallies began at noon. In New York, hundreds of

were forever changed."

After the ceremony, residents volunteered for projects—tending a community garden, sorting food bank donations, donating blood. Spiritual and mental health counselors were available, along with art therapy projects and poetry readings.

Eugene Han and Kirstin Davis, both injured in the Aurora shooting, marked the anniversary Saturday afternoon by getting married—a union that turned July 20 into a celebration. Friends who also survived the shooting took part in the ceremony at Village East Baptist Church in Aurora as senior pastor Robert McClendon gave a prayer for the couple and for those still grieving.

"This time is both happy and sacred," McLendon said.

Several hundred yards from City Hall, people visited 12 crosses erected near the cinema where the attack took place. James Holmes, accused of the shooting, was arrested outside the theater in the aftermath of the rampage.

Holmes has been charged with murder, attempted murder and a list of other offenses. He has pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity. Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty.

people—including Martin's mother, Sybrina Fulton, and music superstars Jay-Z and Beyoncé—gathered in the heat.

Fulton told the crowd she was determined to fight for societal and legal changes needed to ensure that black youths are no longer viewed with suspicion because of their skin color.

"I promise you I'm going to work for your children as well," she told the crowd.

At a morning appearance at Sharpton's headquarters in Harlem, she implored people to understand that the tragedy involved more than Martin alone. "Today it was my son. Tomorrow it might be yours," she said.

In Atlanta, speakers noted that the rally occurred in the shadows of federal buildings named for two figures who had vastly differing views on civil rights and racial equality: Richard B. Russell was a Georgia

governor and U.S. senator elected in the Jim Crow South; Martin Luther King Jr. is the face of African-Americans' civil rights movement.

"What's so frightening about a black man in a hood?" said the Rev. Raphael Warnock, who now occupies the pulpit at King's Ebenezer Baptist Church.

"History would suggest that we have plenty of data to be worried when we see other folk moving through our neighborhoods in hoods. Some of them have on pinstripe suits—but in their hearts, they're wearing a hood."

In addition to pushing the Justice Department to investigate civil rights charges against Zimmerman, Sharpton told supporters in New York that he wants to see a rollback of "stand your ground" self-defense laws.

"We are trying to change laws

so that this never, ever happens again," Sharpton said.

"Stand your ground" laws are on the books in more than 20 states, and they go beyond many older, traditional self-defense statutes. In general, the newer laws eliminate a person's duty to retreat, if possible, in the face of a serious physical threat.

Zimmerman didn't invoke "stand your ground," relying instead on a traditional self-defense argument, but the judge included a provision of the law in the jurors' instructions, allowing them to consider it as a legitimate defense.

Neither was race discussed in front of the jury. But the two topics have dominated public discourse about the case, and came up throughout Saturday's rallies.

In Indianapolis, the Rev. Jeffrey Johnson told roughly 200 attendees that Saturday's nationwide rallies were about making life safer for young black men, who he said are still endangered by racial profiling.

Johnson compared Zimmerman's acquittal to that of four white officers in the beating of black motorist Rodney King in 1992.

"The verdict freed George Zimmerman, but it condemned America more," said Johnson, pastor of the Eastern Star Church in Indianapolis and a member of the board of directors of the National Action Network.

In Miami, Tracy Martin spoke about his son.

"This could be any one of our children," he said. "Our mission now is to make sure that this doesn't happen to your child."

He recalled a promise he made to his son as he lay in his casket. "I will continue to fight for Trayvon until the day I die," he said.

Shantescia Hill held a sign in Miami that read: "Every person deserves a safe walk home." The 31-year-old mother, who is black, said, "I'm here because our children can't even walk on the streets without fearing for their lives."

Police say 3 bodies found in northeast Ohio city

EAST CLEVELAND, Ohio (AP)—Three bodies have been found in plastic bags in East Cleveland, police said Saturday.

Police Commander Mike Cardilli said a woman's body was found Friday in a garage and two other bodies were found Saturday—one in a backyard and the other in the basement of a vacant house.

Police did not know the gender of the two bodies found Saturday and did not know the identities of any of the three victims. They were sent to the coroner's office.

Cardilli said a 35-year-old man was arrested after a standoff with police Friday, and he is a suspect in all three deaths. Police did not immediately release the suspect's name. Cardilli said more details would be released.

All three people are believed to have been killed in the last six to 10 days.

Police searched other vacant houses in the neighborhood Saturday for other possible victims. The Plain Dealer reported that police, the FBI, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation

and the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Department went through yards and abandoned houses in the area where all three bodies were found. They used dogs trained to find cadavers.

East Cleveland's mayor told WEWS television station that officials will continue their search Sunday.

East Cleveland is a suburb of Cleveland. In 2011, Anthony Sowell was found guilty of killing 11 women and hiding their remains around his Cleveland home. He was sentenced to death, and remains in prison.

World

Baghdad car bombs, other Iraq attacks kill 46

BAGHDAD (AP)—A coordinated wave of seven car bombs tore through bustling commercial streets Saturday night in Shiite areas of Baghdad, part of a relentless wave of violence that killed at least 46 inside and outside the capital.

The car bombs detonated after the iftar meal that breaks the daily fast of the holy month of Ramadan. Many people head out to shop or relax in coffee shops in the cooler evenings after fasting ends.

Bombings and other attacks have now killed more than 250 people since the start of Ramadan on July 10, according to an Associated Press count. The violence is a continuation of a surge of bloodshed that has rocked Iraq for months, reviving fears of a return to the widespread sectarian killings that pushed the country to the brink of civil war after the 2003 U.S.-led invasion.

Although there was no immediate claim of responsibility, coordinated bombings against Shiites are a favorite tactic of al-Qaida's Iraq branch.

Saturday's blasts began with an explosion in a busy shopping street that shook buildings in the central Baghdad neighborhood of Karrada. Police say that attack killed nine and wounded 17, and left several shops and food stalls damaged.

"The evening is the busiest time of day when a lot of people pour into Karrada after iftar to shop or eat in restaurants," said clothes vendor Karim Sami, who was working just down the road from the site of the blast.

"We don't know who to blame for these security breaches, but we are sure of one thing:



Security forces inspect the scene of a car bomb attack in Basra, 340 miles (550 kilometers) southeast of Baghdad, Iraq, Sunday, July 14, 2013.

Our people are bleeding every day," he said.

Similar car bombs struck the northwestern Tobchi district, killing eight and wounding 29, and Baiyaa in western Baghdad, killing three and wounding 13, authorities said.

Another blast struck Zafaranyah in southeastern Baghdad, killing six and wounding 15, officials said.

Two separate car bombs exploded in the New Baghdad neighborhood in the southeast, killing five people and wound-

ing 17, authorities said.

Yet another car bomb exploded in a Shiite part of the religiously mixed western neighborhood of Shurta, killing four and wounding 12, authorities said.

A senior Iraqi intelligence group posted on YouTube.

Francis joked when he first emerged on the balcony over St. Peter's Square that the cardinals had chosen a pope "from the end of the world." But for many Catholics on this side of the Atlantic, he's not only the first Latin American pope. With his history of community outreach, many younger Catholics are saying that he's the first pope they can relate to in a more personal way.

"We were concerned after Benedict resigned, but when a Latin American pope emerged, so close to young people, it really changed the situation and our numbers grew. A little while ago we thought that there would be 5,000 Chileans and now we see that 9,100 of us are going, more than double what we expected," said Alonso Molina, the 21-year-old coordinator of a group visiting from Chile's Vicariate of Youthful Hope.



Artist Rogean Rodrigues builds a sand sculpture of Pope Francis in preparation for the pontiff's visit for World Youth Day events along Copacabana beach in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Tuesday, July 16, 2013.

more profound emotions, excited by the changes they see in the church since Francis was elected in March. His first months as pope have already renewed their faith, many say, by showing how church leaders can get closer to their people and relate to their real-world problems with humor and a common touch.

"Like anyone else, there have been times when I haven't had this faith at 100 percent. Now I have more faith than ever, very high. I have my heart completely with God and no one can take me away from there," said Valentina Godoy, who traveled from Santiago, Chile, and shared her feelings from Brazil on a video her local church

official, who is not allowed to speak publicly to journalists, said the coordinated nature of the car bombings strongly indicates al-Qaida is responsible.

Hours before the Baghdad blasts, gunmen in pickup trucks shot and killed the local leader of a local Sunni militia opposed to al-Qaida and two of his bodyguards near the city of Baqouba, 60 kilometers (35 miles) northeast of the Iraqi capital, according to police. Baqouba is the provincial capital of Diyala, which was once the site of some of the fiercest fighting between U.S. forces and insurgents in Iraq.

The official, Bassem Mahmoud, headed a Sunni group known as Sahwa, which joined the fight against al-Qaida during the height of Iraq war. He was killed a day after a deadly bombing at a Sunni mosque in Diyala killed 22 people and wounded dozens.

Like the capital Baghdad, Diyala is religiously mixed and witnessed some of the worst atrocities as Shiite militias battled Sunni insurgents for control in the years after the invasion.

Another Sahwa member was killed along with four others when a bomb went off late Saturday near his house in Madain, about 20 kilometers (14 miles) southeast of Baghdad, officials said. Four people were wounded in that attack.

In the restive northern city of Mosul, authorities said a suicide bomber blew himself up near a military post, killing one woman and wounding 25 people, many of them soldiers.

Gunmen near the city also kidnapped three off-duty policemen and their driver, killing two of the men and seriously wounding the other two, authorities said. Mosul is 360 kilometers (225 miles) northwest of Baghdad.

WORLD BRIEFS

US drops bombs on Great Barrier Reef Marine Park

CANBERRA, Australia (AP)—Two U.S. fighter jets have dropped four unarmed bombs in Australia's Great Barrier Reef Marine Park when a training exercise went wrong. The two AV-8B Harrier jets launched from aircraft carrier USS Bonhomme Richard each jettisoned an inert bomb and an unarmed explosive bomb in the World Heritage-listed marine park off the coast of Queensland state on Tuesday, the U.S. 7th Fleet said in a statement on Saturday. The four bombs were dropped in more than 50 meters (164 feet) of water away from coral to minimize possible damage to the reef, the statement said. None exploded.

Bomb detonated at Beijing airport; 1 injured

BEIJING (AP)—A man in a wheelchair who was airing grievances set off a homemade bomb in a crowded terminal at Beijing's main airport on Saturday evening, injuring himself but no one else, Chinese state media and witnesses said. Order was quickly restored and no flights were affected by the explosion at the airport's main international terminal, state-run China Central Television said on its microblog. The official Xinhua News Agency said a wheel-chaired Chinese man set off the device outside the arrivals exit of Terminal 3 at Beijing Capital International Airport at around 6:24 p.m. It said the man was being treated for injuries, but that no one else was hurt in the explosion.

China: Death sentences for fishing boat killings

BEIJING (AP)—A court in eastern China said Saturday that it has convicted 11 men of intentional homicide for the killings of 16 fellow crew members on an oceangoing fishing boat, the official Xinhua News Agency reported. The Intermediate People's Court in the eastern city of Weihai said it sentenced five of the 11 men to death in the bloody incident, which left six others unaccounted for, Xinhua reported. The court sentenced another man to death with reprieve, which can be commuted to life imprisonment, and jailed the remaining five who were convicted. The men onboard the fishing boat were unhappy with their salaries and plotted to hijack the vessel when it was sailing near Chile in 2011, Xinhua said.

Many neighbors tire of pro-Morsi sit-in in Egypt

CAIRO (AP)—After three weeks, some local residents have started to have enough with Islamist supporters of Egypt's ousted President Mohammed Morsi camped out outside a Cairo mosque in their neighborhood to demand he be restored to office. Residents are complaining that the sit-in camp is blocking the roads leading to their homes, garbage has piled up on side streets and parks have been trashed. Speeches from the stage blare late into the night in the neighborhood around Rabaah al-Adawiya Mosque. At the same time, the complaints have been sucked into Egypt's bitter polarization over the military's removal of Morsi on July 3.

Catholic youths converge on Rio to see 'slum pope'

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP)—Thousands of young Roman Catholics from around the Americas are converging on Rio de Janeiro, taking day-long bus trips or expensive plane flights that were paid for by baking cookies and holding garage sales, running raffles and bingo tournaments and even begging for coins in public plazas.

Some of the poorest traveled from so-called "misery villages" in Argentina's capital, thanks to donations from the Buenos Aires archdiocese. Their agenda at World Youth Day includes meeting with other disadvantaged youngsters in Manguinhos, a favela Pope Francis plans to visit, and sharing stories about Jorge Mario Bergoglio, the subway-riding Argentine Jesuit they now affectionately call their "slum pope."

Road trips can be fun, but many have been expressing

Health & Fitness

Study: Later retirement may help prevent dementia



In this Friday, July 12, 2013 photo, June Springer poses for a photograph where she works at Caffi Contracting Services, in Alexandria, Va. Springer, who just turned 90, works as a receptionist.

BOSTON (AP)—New research boosts the “use it or lose it” theory about brainpower and staying mentally sharp. People who delay retirement have less risk of developing Alzheimer’s disease or other types of dementia, a study of nearly half a million people in France found.

It’s by far the largest study to look at this, and researchers say the conclusion makes sense. Working tends to keep people physically active, socially connected and mentally challenged—all things known to help prevent mental decline. “For each additional year of work, the risk of getting dementia is reduced by 3.2 percent,” said Carole Dufouil, a scientist at INSERM, the French government’s health research agency.

She led the study and gave results Monday at the Alzheimer’s Association International Conference in Boston.

About 35 million people worldwide have dementia, and

Alzheimer’s is the most common type. In the U.S., about 5 million have Alzheimer’s—1 in 9 people aged 65 and over. What causes the mind-robbing disease isn’t known and there is no cure or any treatments that slow its progression.

France has had some of the best Alzheimer’s research in the world, partly because its former president, Nicolas Sarkozy, made

it a priority. The country also has detailed health records on self-employed people who pay into a Medicare-like health system.

Researchers used these records on more than 429,000 workers, most of whom were shopkeepers or craftsmen such as bakers and woodworkers. They were 74 on average and had been retired for an average of 12 years.

Nearly 3 percent had devel-

oped dementia but the risk of this was lower for each year of age at retirement. Someone who retired at 65 had about a 15 percent lower risk of developing dementia compared to someone retiring at 60, after other factors that affect those odds were taken into account, Dufouil said.

To rule out the possibility that mental decline may have led people to retire earlier, researchers did analyses that eliminated people who developed dementia within 5 years of retirement, and within 10 years of it.

“The trend is exactly the same,” suggesting that work was having an effect on cognition, not the other way around, Dufouil said.

France mandates retirement in various jobs—civil servants must retire by 65, she said. The new study suggests “people should work as long as they want” because it may have health benefits, she said.

June Springer, who just turned 90, thinks it does. She was hired as a full-time receptionist at Caffi Plumbing & Heating in Alexandria, Va., eight years ago.

“I’d like to give credit to the company for hiring me at that age,” she said. “It’s a joy to

work, being with people and keeping up with current events. I love doing what I do. As long as God grants me the brain to use I’ll take it every day.”

Heather Snyder, director of medical and scientific operations for the Alzheimer’s Association, said the study results don’t mean everyone needs to delay retirement.

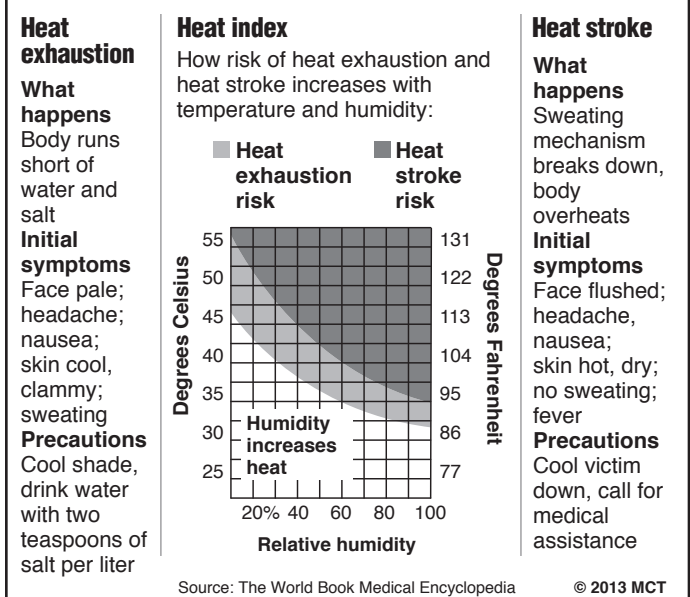
“It’s more staying cognitive-

ly active, staying socially active, continue to be engaged in whatever it is that’s enjoyable to you” that’s important, she said.

“My parents are retired but they’re busier than ever. They’re taking classes at their local university, they’re continuing to attend lectures and they’re continuing to stay cognitively engaged and socially engaged in their lives.”

Summer heat

Here’s what exposure to excessive summer heat may cause, if you do not take precautions.



Tips to boost brain health

You may be able to help keep your brain in shape, not just the rest of your body. A large study in France suggests that delaying retirement and working until later in life may help prevent dementia.

Some other things the Alzheimer’s Association suggests for healthy aging:

■ Stay active. Many studies show exercise reduces dementia risk.

■ Stay connected—join a club, travel, volunteer. Social ties boost brain health.

■ Eat right. High cholesterol may contribute to stroke and brain cell damage, while dark vegetables and fruits may help protect brain cells.

■ Do mentally challenging activities such as word puzzles and other things that stimulate thinking skills. (AP)

How to tell signs of dementia from normal aging

BOSTON (AP)—New studies suggest that noticing you are having memory or thinking problems could be the earliest sign of Alzheimer’s disease. The Alzheimer’s Association lists these 10 warning signs, plus advice on how to tell them from normal age-related changes:

■ Memory changes that disrupt daily life. Forgetting important dates or events, asking for the same information over and over, relying more on reminder notes and other memory aids. Normal aging: Sometimes forgetting names or appointments but remembering them later.

■ Challenges in planning or solving problems. Changes in ability to work with numbers, follow a recipe, track bills. Normal aging: Occasional mistakes when balancing a checkbook.

■ Difficulty completing fa-

miliar tasks. Trouble driving somewhere familiar, managing a budget at work, remembering rules of a game. Normal aging: Occasionally needing help with settings on a microwave or to record a TV show.

■ Confusion with time or place. Losing track of dates or seasons; forgetting where they are or how they got there. Normal aging: Getting confused about the day of the week but figuring it out later.

■ Trouble understanding visual images and spatial relationships. Difficulty reading, judging distance, determining color. Normal aging: Vision changes from cataracts.

■ New problems with words in speaking or writing. Trouble following or joining a conversation, repeating themselves. Normal aging: Sometimes having

trouble finding the right word.

■ Misplacing things and losing the ability to retrace steps. Putting things in unusual places, losing things, accusing others of stealing. Normal aging: Occasionally misplacing things and retracing steps to find them.

■ Decreased or poor judgment. Bad moves with money, less attention to grooming. Normal aging: Making a bad decision once in a while.

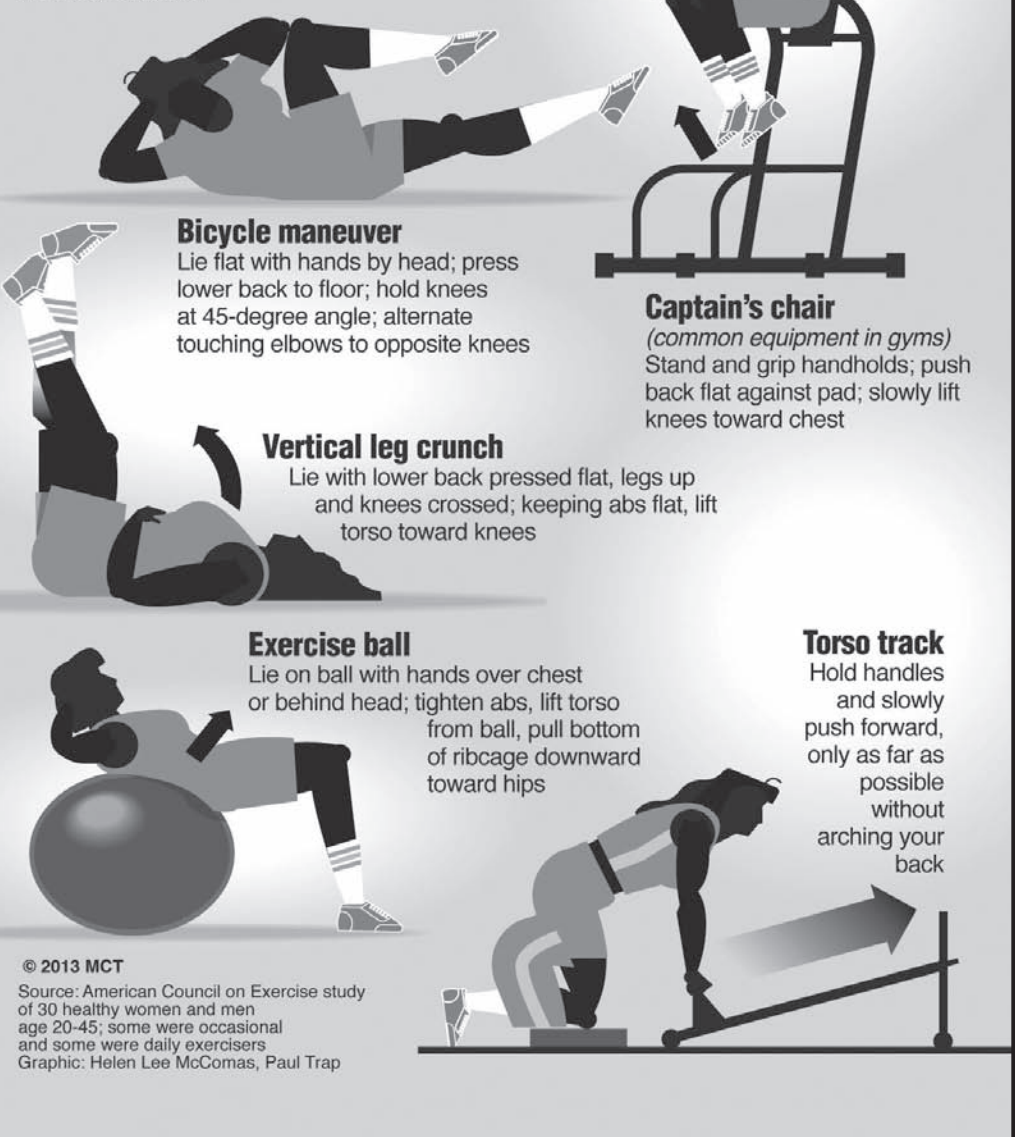
■ Withdrawal from work or social activities. Normal aging: Sometimes feeling weary of work, family and social obligations.

■ Changes in mood and personality. Becoming confused, suspicious, depressed, fearful or anxious. Normal aging: Developing specific ways of doing things and becoming irritable when a routine is disrupted.

Personal Trainer

Best exercises for abs

A recent study of strengthening the abdominal muscles found that these exercises were the most effective:



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Source: American Council on Exercise study of 30 healthy women and men age 20-45; some were occasional and some were daily exercisers
Graphic: Helen Lee McComas, Paul Trap

Life & Style

Scrapbooks give peek inside Hemingway's early life

BOSTON (AP)—Long before Ernest Hemingway first wrote a story, his mother was busy writing about him.

Grace Hall Hemingway started a series of scrapbooks documenting the childhood of the future Nobel and Pulitzer Prize winner by describing how the sun shone and robins sang on the day in July 1899 when he was born.

Starting Sunday, the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum in Boston will make the content of five Hemingway scrapbooks available online for the first time, giving fans and scholars the chance to follow the life of one of the 20th century's literary greats from diapers to high school degree.

Hemingway Collection curator Susan Wrynn said much of the content hasn't been made available to the public before and only a few researchers have seen it in its entirety. The fragile leather-bound volumes have been kept in a dark vault for about four decades to keep them from falling apart.

The release of these records from the archive, home to 90 percent of existing Hemingway manuscript materials, will come on what would have been the scribe's 114th birthday.

"I think it will be a very rich resource for people interested in learning about this period of his life," Sean Hemingway, the author's grandson, said in an interview with The Associated Press. "He had tremendous talent. It must have been there from the beginning. So I'm sure there are clues in there to that."

Pennsylvania State University professor Sandra Spanier, who is general editor of a project that will publish Hemingway's letters in more than a dozen volumes, said the scrapbooks that the author's mother created offer details of his daily life up until age 18 that aren't anywhere else.

"She almost made their lives into a story ... and I think that carries over into his life and his fiction," she said.

There's a scribbling from when Hemingway wasn't quite 3 years old that the future war correspondent and novelist—who later won a Pulitzer Prize for "The Old Man and the Sea"—told his mother depicted the roaring sea. Other early passages also hinted at the writer Hemingway would become.

Before he was 4, Hemingway was trooping into the woods to

go hunting with his father and "using long words" and making "sage remarks," according to his mother, who enclosed photos of her son trout fishing and holding his own rifle.

"Can cock my own gun," one of her captions read.

By the time Hemingway was 5, his mother noted that he was collecting war cartoons and had an appreciation for characters with courage.

"He loves stories about Great Americans," she wrote.

The scrapbooks have a plethora of family photos from the Hemingway family's home in Oak Park, Ill., and their vacation cottage on a lake in Northern Michigan, including shots of a bare-bottomed baby Hemingway playing in the water by a canoe.

They include letters to Hemingway and others he wrote as a child, including a note of contrition in which he confessed to bad behavior in church.

"My conduct tomorrow will be good," 13-year-old Hemingway promised.

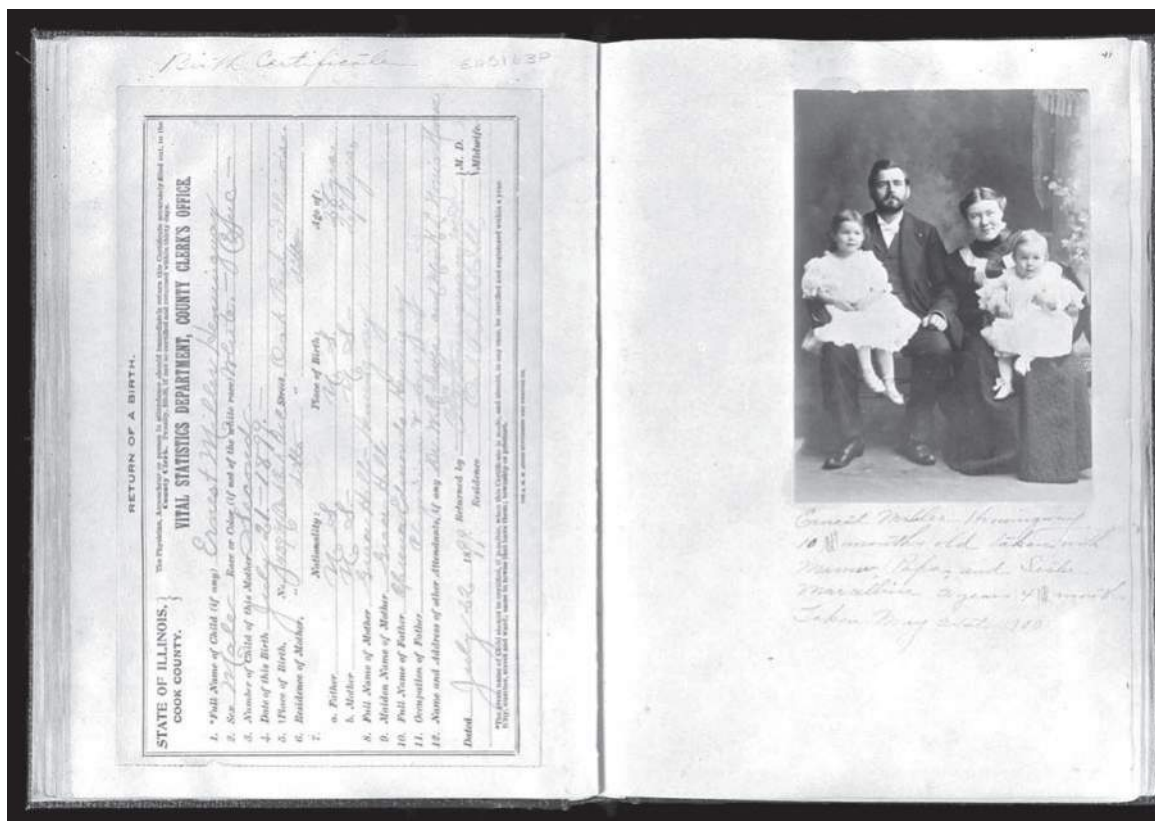
The scrapbooks also contain childhood paintings and tell of Hemingway playing the cello, suiting up for a "lightweight" football squad and taking up boxing. During his junior year of high school, he was on his school's prom committee and, according to a report card note from his Latin teacher, showed "improvement both in attitude and work."

As Hemingway matured, the scrapbooks showcased his earliest attempts at the craft that would come to define his professional life. Among them were a short story from his high school's literary magazine, clippings from some of his first assignments as a high school newspaper reporter and a sonnet in which 16-year-old Hemingway seemed to poke fun at himself.

"Nobody likes Ernest, that, is straight stuff," he said, "and when he writes stories—we all cry 'Enough.'"

The scrapbooks are part of the collection that Hemingway's widow, Mary, gifted to the JFK Library and Museum after the author's 1961 suicide. Sean Hemingway said he's excited by their public release and called them one of the ways he's become familiar with a grandfather he never met.

"He died before I was born," the 46-year-old said. "Looking at these kinds of things ... I feel like I have gotten a chance to know him a bit."



This photo provided July 17, 2013, by the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library shows the birth certificate and family photograph of Ernest Hemingway from a scrapbook created by his mother, Grace Hall Hemingway, at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library in Boston.

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IN CELEBRATION OF HIS NEW LIFE

†Probio Mendiola Cabrera

Lovingly known as "Probion Tamat"

January 12, 1930 – July 16, 2013

In His New Life, He Now Joins His:

Parents: †Jose Palacios Cabrera
†Maria Mendiola Cabrera

Parents-in-law: †Enrique Castro DelaCruz
†Maria Haruno Tamaoki DelaCruz

Brothers, Sisters, In-Laws:

†Roberto M. Tudela, †Francisco Torres, †Gabriel M. Cabrera,
†Vicente M. Cabrera, †Francisca T. Borja, †Celia C. Reyes,
†Ramona C. Sablan, & †Rosario C. Attao.

†Pedro Borja, †Antonio Reyes, †Manuel Sablan, †Jose SN. Attao,
†Alfred Santos, †George Teregeyo, †Vicenta Tudela, †Rosa
Torres, †Rosa Cabrera, †Maria DelaCruz Cabrera, †Edward T.
DelaCruz, †Florida M. DelaCruz, & †Elpidia DLC. Nauta

His memories will forever live in the hearts of his:

Wife: Trinidad (Mitch) DelaCruz Cabrera

Children:

Francisco M. and Ma. Amyfra P. Cabrera (George P. Cabrera, Fampieca P. Cabrera, Francisco P. Cabrera, Rowena O. & Vincent DLG. Torres [Jesse Leo, Ali, Tivana, Judith, Vincent III, Jupri]; Donicio T. & Abby T. Ogo [Deztinie, Donicio Jr., Dontr, Donte, Rowina & Dayni])

Lolita M. and Oscar M. Babauta (Tricia M. Babauta & Albert Palacios [Trianna, Franklin]; Jesse Babauta & Joanne Santos [Eleanor]; Oscar Babauta, Jr. & Sabina Alfred [Jathan Dion]; Janella Babauta & Darrell Moteisou [Presella, Destiny, Hayven Skye])

Henry Dewayne DLC. and Marlene S. Cabrera (Janice C. & Raymond DLGuerrero [Jaenna, Probio, Jezarae]; Barney S. Cabrera & Ilayza Matagolai [Iyannah, Marley, Ignacio, Tehani] & Dewayne Jr. S. Cabrera

Joseph DLC. and Rhodoha H. Cabrera

Irene C. and Rudolfo M. Pua (Sheldeen P. & Thomas I. Yiftheg [Elphirene, Michael Rodolfo, Therese, Jojo]; Sharmaine C. Pua, Shaneese C. Pua, Shenille C. Pua, Shizelle C. Pua, Maria C. Pua & Rudolfo Jr. C. Pua

Probio Jr. DLC. and Logina S. Cabrera (Aaron Anthony S. Cabrera & Mercedes Lizama, Andrew Ryan S. Cabrera & Probio III S. Cabrera

Jennifer C. and Rene Marquez (Isaiah C. Marquez, Isaac C. Marquez & Josiah C. Marquez
Raymond Peter DLC. Cabrera

Sisters, Brothers, In-Laws:

Martha C. Santos, Vicenta C. Teregeyo, Manases T. & Violy DelaCruz, Dr. Ignacio T. & Vicky DelaCruz, Enrique T. & Bernie B. DelaCruz, and William A. Nauta

He will also be missed by numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives and friends.

Daily Mass of Intention is celebrated each evening at 06:00 p.m. at San Antonio Church followed by Holy Rosary at 06:30 p.m.

Funeral Services will be held on Wednesday, July 24, 2013. His remains will be escorted from Nuestra Señora dela Paz Memorial Chapel at 07:30 a.m. to Mt. Carmel Cathedral. Responso services will be at 08:00 a.m. followed by Holy Rosary. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. followed by Interment Service at Chalan Kanoa Cemetery where he will be at a peaceful rest.

PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYERS

Trinidad (Mitch) DelaCruz Cabrera, Children & Family

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
880 Duty Free is inviting qualified U.S. workers to fill the following positions:

Administrative Assistant (01)
Job Duties: Perform a variety of tasks related to the administrative support of the retail outlet such as: assist with Management team and needs of employees. Manage cash management processes. Maintain safe work environment. Mentor others in the performance of their job duties. Communicate effectively with all contacts. Accept and adapt easily to change. Support all company policies and procedures. Complies with all governmental agency rules and regulations. Ensure that all activities are consistent with company mission statement. Operate job-related equipment and meet physical demands of job with or without accommodation. Other duties as assigned from time to time.
Requirements: Prior experience preferred. Knowledge of standard office equipments. Knowledge in basic arithmetic. Flexibility to perform assigned tasks independently or as part of a team. Well-developed keyboarding skills and 10-key skills. Sense of urgency. Ability to manage multiple priorities and meet frequent short timeline goals and deadlines. Possess superb customer service and communication skills. English and Chinese speaking preferred.

General Manager (01)
Job Duties: Responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of the store; following and supporting Company policies and procedures; ensuring that sales, profitability, and customer service targets are met; and ensuring that the most suitable products and services are available to the customer. Identifies and prioritizes business needs to strategically schedule self and staff. Manages hiring, developing, training and motivating quality staff. Conduct performance appraisals and oversees conflict resolutions. Respond to customer inquiries and concerns. Prepare and submit reports as requested. Maintain highest level of honesty, integrity, ethical and moral conduct at all times. Enforces company policies. Maintain safe working environment. Mentor employees with their job performances. Operate job-related equipment and meet physical demands of job with or without accommodation. Other duties as assigned.
Requirements: 5+ years experience in retail as general manager of high-volume (\$10 million+ annual sales). Bachelor's degree in appropriate field or equivalent experience. Basic reading, writing and math skills. Able to understand and communicate with verbal and written instructions. Well-developed ability to make appropriate decisions in stressful situations. Able to work variable shifts, including days, evenings, weekends, and holidays. Knowledge of standard office equipments. Excellent customer service skills. English and Chinese speaking preferred.

Inventory Planner (01)
Job Duties: Ensure appropriate inventory levels by location in order to maximize sales. Provide support by executing inventory investment to an agreed to assortment and sales targets. Build strong relationships with Merchants, Operation team and providing consistent, clear and pertinent communication. Allocate merchandise from Warehouse to Store. Set-up and maintain distribution requirements by store and corresponding assortment. Maintain parameters: lead-times, order cycles, service levels, forecasts, presentation and profiles, history exceptions, promotional events. Maintain a clean, consistent and organized database. Achieve agreed upon In Stock targets. Research and resolve SKU/Location issues. Manage distribution of discontinued and/or end of seasonal merchandise to effectively liquidate the inventory. Identify and action stock issues to maintain sales and presentation needs in the locations.
Requirements: 1-3 years planning/distribution experience. Knowledge and merchandising analysis and systems. Interpersonal savvy. Must have skills in analytical, functional and technical, written communication. Excellent customer service skills. Knowledge of standard office equipments. English and Chinese speaking preferred.

Logistics Assistant (03)
Job Duties: Perform a variety of tasks related to receiving merchandise and maintaining the retail outlet's inventory management system. Supervise the receiving and unloading of shipments of various deliveries. Match carton counts to packing slips, invoices or other documents. Inspect boxes for visual damages. Ensure the team follows up on credit requests with shipping company or vendor. Notify Corporate Allocations department on damages, short shipped or delayed product. Maintain receiving logs. Pack and ship product to other locations as requested by the corporate offices. Communicate with vendor in regards to mis-shipped or substituted items to be returned. Verify all items scan into stores POS before sending to departments for processing. Close out all receiving documents on a daily basis. Oversee the entry of all department Purchase Orders into the PO Management System. Notify Department Managers of any Non Approved items on PO's. Responsible for training all receiving employees on proper receiving procedures and update team as new processes are implemented or modified. Coach and counsel receiving employees regarding their job duties. Communicate effectively with all Store Prepare and submit reports as requested. Maintain safe work environment. Support all Company policies and procedures. Other duties and responsibilities as needed.
Requirements: High school diploma. Some college a plus. 2+ years retail experience. 1-2 years of prior working experience in similar fields. Prior supervisory experience. Prior retail experience preferred but not required. Knowledge of standard office equipments. Excellent customer service skills. Flexibility to perform assigned tasks independently or as part of a work team. Sense of urgency and ability to meet frequent short timeline goals and deadlines. Able to understand and communicate verbal and written instructions. Able to work variable shifts, including days, evenings, weekends, and holidays. English and Chinese speaking preferred.

Merchandiser (02)
Job Duties: Develop brand, classification and item vision to support Asian demographic profiles through acquisition, development and management of local vendors; set and follow through annual and seasonal objectives for each business and Vendor. Build cross-international office, one-vision assortments that support strategic, targeted, regional, demographic merchandising vision and are relevant (productive & profitable) oversee direct assortment planning that effectively addresses and delivers product; responsible for Floor planning as it relates to vendor space planning; manage and maintain in-store signage.
Requirements: Bachelor's Degree or equivalent in Business management, Business administration Marketing or relevant field; Between 5 and 8 years merchandising experience in a fast paced, results driven organization; Excellent knowledge of product, domestic and international markets and brand negotiations; Ability to operate with complexity of time zone differences with strong communication skills and flexibility. Strong analytical skills and ability to communicate in a clear & concise manner; Passion for excellence demonstrated through results; Strong interpersonal skills, highly organized with strong attention to detail; solution based, energetic and team oriented; Strong computer skills - Intermediate to Advanced knowledge of Excel, Word and Power Point. English and Chinese speaking preferred.

Sales Associate: 33 full-time, 16 part-time
Job Duties: Persuade a customer to buy a product. Greet customers and ascertain what each customer wants or needs. Promote prompt and courteous service with a smile. Maintain a neat and tidy store. Replenish and tag merchandise. Arrange merchandise in the store floor. Enters purchases into cash register to calculate total purchases. Balances cash drawer and receipts, documents, discrepancies. Accepts cash, checks or bank cards for payment, completes check and bank card transactions according to established procedure.
Requirements: High school graduate for equivalent. Prior experience preferred. Knowledge of basic arithmetic. Well-developed keyboarding skills. Ability to manage multiple priorities and meet frequent short timeline goals and deadlines. English and Chinese speaking preferred.

Store Manager (02)
Job Duties: Identifies and prioritizes business needs to strategically schedule self and staff. Manages turnover by hiring, developing, training, and motivating quality staff. Communicates effectively with all contacts. Promotes open communication and assists staff with conflict resolution. Implements and monitors the effectiveness of inventory and cash controls procedures. Responds to customer inquiries and concerns. Ensures that appropriate products are available and effectively merchandised. Ensures that standards for quality, customer service, health, and safety are met. Prepares and submits reports as requested. Maintains the highest level of honesty, integrity, ethical and moral conduct at all times. Conscientiously strives to meet or exceed budgetary goals, understands how to achieve sales increases while maintaining expense controls. Enforces company policies consistently with all associates while providing leadership and maintaining management integrity. Other duties as needed to meet business needs.
Requirements: 5+ years retail experience with at least 3 years experience as store assistant or department manager. Bachelor's degree in appropriate field or equivalent experience. Basic reading, writing, and math skills. Basic keyboarding and personal computer skills. Well-developed written and verbal communication skills. Able to understand and communicate verbal and written instructions. Well-developed ability to make appropriate decisions in stressful situations. Able to work variable shifts, including days, evenings, weekends, and holidays. Knowledge of standard office equipments. English and Chinese speaking preferred.

Retail Supervisor (05)
Job Duties: Responsible for assisting the Store Manager with managing the day-to-day operations; following Company policies and procedures; ensuring that sales, and customer service targets are met. Maintains operations for an assigned shift and may function as the shift manager. Align the customer experience to the company vision - 'Exceptional People Delivering Exceptional Product'. Drive sales, clearance, promotions and incentive targets with passion. Focus on ways to increase and continually improve; ensure a high energy, positive floor experience for staff and customers. Effectively communicate the company objectives to Team Leads and Sales Associates. Review sales productivity and individual sales team member's performance on a regular basis. Create and promote a positive work environment in line with Tan Holdings values. Provide effective team leadership through open communication, training, coaching and active encouragement to meet and exceed goals.
Requirements: 2+ years retail experience. Basic reading, writing, and math skills. Basic keyboarding and personal computer skills. Able to understand and communicate verbal and written instructions. Able to work variable shifts, including days, evenings, weekends, and holidays. Knowledge of standard office equipments. English and Chinese speaking preferred.

Visual Merchandiser (01)
Job Duties: Drive branding and business objectives/sales through excellent execution of visual merchandising and presentation. Utilize all company tools, visual talent, and knowledge to plan, map, and execute monthly floor sets incorporating appropriate store specific adaptations as necessary. Develop and implement brand appropriate solutions to address these unique needs. In partnership with store management, continually analyze and respond to business/selling trends, assortment needs, and guest feedback-proactively adapt merchandising and presentations as needed. Ensure all signing and graphics are installed and maintained to company standards. Maintain two-way communication with appropriate partners regarding visual merchandising and store maintenance. Actively participate in store-related meetings, training sessions, and store visits. Reference, share, and apply product knowledge information on an ongoing basis. Maintain neat, orderly, and accessible, prop and sign storage areas. Participate in cleaning and upkeep of the physical store at the direction of store management. Other duties and responsibilities as needed.
Requirements: College degree preferred. Minimum of 2 years experience in visual merchandising and presentation. Specialty retailer preferred. Strong demonstrated visual merchandising/presentation skills-detail oriented and self-motivated to execute to the highest standards. Knowledgeable of current fashion and visual merchandising trends and able to effectively interpret/apply to our brand. Proficient with basic computer programs (Word, Excel, Outlook), digital photography, and basic photo software. Strong interpersonal skills. Able to articulate and explain ideas and concepts. Excellent customer service skills. Strong time management skills. Ability to set and achieve goals in a timely manner. Strong organizational and process planning skills. English and Chinese speaking preferred.

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Reports: ‘Glee’ plans Monteith tribute, hiatus

NEW YORK (AP)—“Glee” executive producer Ryan Murphy is planning a tribute episode to honor the series’ deceased star, Cory Monteith.

In remarks to news outlets published Saturday, Murphy said the tribute would address the death of Finn, the character Monteith played on the Fox network high school musical series. That show will be the season’s third episode, following two episodes that had already been written.

Then the series will go on a hiatus to reassess its direction, Murphy said.

The body of 31-year-old Monteith was found last weekend in a Vancouver, British Columbia, hotel room. Tests showed he died of an overdose of heroin and alcohol.

On “Glee” he played high school quarterback and glee club member Finn Hudson, who had graduated and moved on to college but was an adviser to his old club and remained part of the show.

Finn also had an off-and-on romance with fellow student and singer Rachel, played by his real-life girlfriend Lea Michele. Monteith had been candid

about his struggles with addiction, which included a rehab stint several months before his death.

Murphy said he had helped stage an intervention in his office for Monteith last March.

“He wanted to continue working and we said, ‘That’s not an option. No. The TV show doesn’t matter, your life matters,’” Murphy told the Eonline website. Monteith’s rehab began soon thereafter.

Murphy also spoke with Deadline, the Hollywood Reporter and TV Line.

On Friday, Fox announced the series would return for its fifth season on Sept. 26, a week later than originally scheduled.

Superman is coming back—this time with Batman

SAN DIEGO (AP)—Superman is coming back, and he’ll have a caped co-star.

“Man of Steel” director Zack Snyder made a surprise appearance at Comic-Con on Saturday to announce he is making another Superman film and it will include Batman—the first time the two superheroes will be united on the big screen.

He declined to reveal many details, saying the script is just being written. He then invited an actor onstage to read a passage to hint at the story line.

“I am the man who beat you,” read Harry Lennox, before an image of the Superman logo, backed by the Batman symbol, flashed on the screen.

Warner Bros. confirmed the first-ever pairing in a statement.

Snyder reimagined Superman in his June blockbuster “Man of Steel,” starring Henry Cavill and Amy Adams. The film has grossed more than \$630 million worldwide.

Cavill and Adams will appear in the sequel, Warner Bros. said.

Reaction to the news stunned Twitter and left fans at Comic-Con giddy.

“Personally, I love him,” said Claudia Gomez, who was wearing a Batman T-shirt while her niece, Ana, wore a Superman shirt.

Gomez, who traveled to Comic-Con from Mexico City, said the pairing of both heroes left her optimistic about a new Superman film.

Benjamin Ha, who dressed as Superman to his wife’s Wonder Woman, said bringing the two superheroes together will yield fireworks.

“They’re both alpha males,” he said.

Saturday’s announcement

Evans talks ‘Cap’, explains post on bomber cover

SAN DIEGO (AP)—Chris Evans doesn’t post on Twitter often, but when the actor saw the recent Rolling Stone cover featuring Boston Marathon bombing suspect Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, he sent out a short missive: “Bad move Rolling Stone.”

Evans appeared Saturday at Comic-Con to promote his new film “Captain America: The Winter Soldier.” Asked about the tweet, he said he felt the magazine intentionally glamorized Tsarnaev. The 19-year-old is accused of setting off two bombs with his brother during the marathon in April. Three people died and more than 250 were injured in the attack.

“I just felt on that Rolling Stone cover he looked like Jim Morrison,” Evans said. “He looked like a rock star. It glorified him.

“If you want to do a story, if you want to examine how a young kid can be turned, and if you want to examine innocence lost and all those things, it’s fine. The problem is putting him on the cover in that picture in that light, it glorified him. There’s no two ways about it. He looked great.”

Rolling Stone should have used a different picture, Evans said. “Show his mug shot, show something else that kind of doesn’t make it look so fantastic to do such a horrible thing.”

Interestingly, the issues Rolling Stone raised about Tsarnaev’s complicated background are similar to the issues Captain America deals with in the sequel.

The “Captain America” comic book character was created in 1941 during the run-up to the United States’ involvement in World War II. It was a tale of Steve Rogers, a gangly Army reject who participates in the government’s secret soldier program and transforms into the patriotic warrior.

The world he lived in was much simpler. Determining good and evil was an easy matter. In the first film about the Marvel character, 2011’s “Captain America: The First Avenger,” Cap awakes after being frozen in Arctic ice for 70 years. The world he finds is very different than the one he left.

The sequel, due out next April, presents the red, white and blue hero with far more challenges to navigate.

“Now that he has the tools to

fight the good fight, whose side is he fighting for?” Evans asked. “I think in the ‘40s it was a lot easier to say, ‘We know Nazis are bad.’ I think it’s a bit harder to know who’s right and who’s wrong today. I think that conflict that Steve’s going through in the movie couldn’t be more updated and more modern. What’s right? Where’s the line? Where do you draw it? It’s so tricky. I wish I could tell you more.”

Samuel L. Jackson says his character, SHIELD director Nick Fury, tries to help Cap come to grips with the 21st century as they work to unravel the mystery around The Winter Soldier. In the comic, the character is Cap’s former sidekick who becomes a sleeper agent for the enemy. In the past, how the hero dealt with an enemy would be cut and dried, but not today.

“Now he’s got to understand that the enemy’s not black and white anymore,” Jackson said. “It’s not that guy over there and us over here. It’s kind of gray. Some of those guys that were enemies before are now our allies in a kind of way. So you’ve got to wrap your head around that.”

'Hunger Games' cast debuts trailer at Comic-Con

SAN DIEGO (AP)—The cast of "The Hunger Games" is making its Comic-Con debut, along with the trailer for "The Hunger Games: Catching Fire."

Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson, Liam Hemsworth and Lenny Kravitz were among the film's stars who watched the trailer for the first time Saturday with more than 6,000 dedicated fans.

Lawrence and Hutcherson also talked about their kissing scenes in the film. She said they involved "a lot of slobber."

Hutcherson said, "It will be really hot if you're into snot."

Lawrence also discussed training for the stunts she performs in the film but noted, "the hardest stunt is probably still just basic running."

She said she runs "weird" and added that she had a running



Liam Hemsworth, Jennifer Lawrence and Josh Hutcherson seen at Lionsgate Presentation at 2013 Comic-Con, on Saturday, July, 20, 2013 in San Diego, Calif.

coach for the film.

Lawrence, who won the best actress Oscar earlier this year

for her role in "Silver Linings Playbook" and was previously nominated for "Winter's

Samuel L. Jackson in the dark on new 'Star Wars'

SAN DIEGO (AP)—Samuel L. Jackson's just like everybody else: He has no idea what's going on with the new "Star Wars" films.

Jackson was at Comic-Con on Saturday to promote his new film "Captain America: The Winter Soldier" and held court on a number of subjects in an interview, including J.J. Abrams' new installments in George Lucas' cinema-changing franchise.

Unlike the tens of thousands of fans at the annual gathering of fans, though, Jackson has had the opportunity to ask what's up. And he still doesn't know.

Jackson played Jedi Master Mace Windu in the "Star Wars" prequels. He'd like more work for Windu and his purple light

saber. But when he saw Abrams recently at Lucas' wedding, he gleaned no information about what will come next as the franchise moves on to its seventh film in 2015.

"J.J. was there, I was there," Jackson said in an interview at the Hard Rock Hotel. "I was like (raises eyebrows) and he was like (noncommittal shrug), and he just went about his business. I don't know what that means. Harrison (Ford) was there too, and he was like (shrug). I just think it would be cool to have some of us that people relate to as being part of the 'Star Wars' franchise to give entre to the new characters that they're going to bring to whatever the new

thing is. It kind of makes it an easier entrance."

Jackson also wonders why his Nick Fury character isn't part of the new "Marvel's Agents of SHIELD" television series. Fury oversees the global security spy agency in Marvel's cinematic universe, including "Marvel's The Avengers." But so far he hasn't been contacted about the show, which stars Clark Gregg as Agent Coulson and debuts on ABC in September.

"I don't know how they've got the TV show without me, but they do," Jackson said. "Maybe I could be like Charlie in 'Charlie's Angels.' You just hear my voice. I send (the agents) out every week."

Loki reigns over Marvel Studios Comic-Con panel

SAN DIEGO (AP)—Thor's evil brother, Loki, took over the Marvel Studios presentation at Comic-Con on Saturday.

Lights flashed inside the San Diego Convention Center's largest exhibition hall, and Tom Hiddleston, dressed as Loki, commanded the stage. He called Hall H "a meager palace of Midgard" before showing footage from "Thor: The Dark World."

It opened with an epic battle scene, in which Thor takes down a massive monster, reduc-

ing him to a pile of rubble with one swing of his hammer.

The cast of "Captain America: The Winter Soldier" shared footage from that film. It also opened with a dynamic fight scene: Captain America battling a dozen assailants in a glass elevator.

Other highlights included the introduction of the "Guardians of the Galaxy" cast, which includes Chris Pratt, Zoe Saldana and Djimon Hounsou.

Mixed martial-artist Dave Bautista said he fought hard for

the role of Drax.

"It's something I wanted more than anything I've ever wanted in my life," the tattooed bodybuilder said. "When I got the job, I broke down and cried like a little baby."

"Avengers" director Joss Whedon made a surprise appearance at the panel, where he offered an early look at the sequel.

A teaser trailer for "Avengers: Age of Ultron" ended with an image of the title character.

ENTERTAINMENT TIDBITS

'X-Men' cast members unite at Comic-Con

SAN DIEGO (AP)—The entire cast of "X-Men" thrilled fans at Comic-Con by uniting on stage Saturday in the San Diego Convention Center's largest hall. Ian McKellan, Patrick Stewart, Halle Berry, Anna Paquin, Jennifer Lawrence, Michael Fassbender, James McEvoy, Ellen Page, Peter Dinklage, Hugh Jackman and others made for an impressive panel. Director Bryan Singer also gave fans a first look at "X-Men: Days of Future Past," which is currently filming in Montreal. McKellan said he was happy to be back in California at Comic-Con. "I

feel safe here now that you got rid of Prop. 8," he said, referring to the recently abolished law that prohibited same-sex marriage. "I'm looking for a husband," he said. "It's great to meet you, Michael." Fassbender blushed. McKellan also said that the friendship he developed with Stewart making the "X-Men" movies led the two to work together on Broadway in two productions this fall. One fan was brought to tears by seeing the cast assembled on stage. "This is like the best night of my life," she said before asking the panel which "X-Men" character was their favorite. Wolverine and Mystique emerged

as the favorites.

'True Blood' cast spill hints about sixth season

SAN DIEGO (AP)—The supernatural sex-crazed residents of Bon Temps are going back to their roots on "True Blood." The Saturday presentation at Comic-Con for HBO's "True Blood" kicked off with a trailer teasing the remaining episodes of the campy vampire series' sixth season. "While we acknowledge that we have a very large cast, we're going to try to condense the number of stories we're telling and really make this feel like we're coming home," said show-runner Brian "Bucky" Buckner.

Bone," said that the Hunger Games Victory Tour is not unlike navigating Hollywood's awards season.

"The stakes weren't as high," she quipped. Contestants in "The Hunger Games" must kill their competitors.

The actress also made another Oscars-"Hunger Games" connection: Her favorite costume from the new film is a voluminous wedding dress with a skirt five feet in diameter.

"I'm not good at walking in giant dresses, as we know," she said, referring to the spill she took on her way to claim her Oscar in a full-skirted gown.

"The Hunger Games: Catching Fire" opens in November.

'The Vampire Diaries' cast tease next season

SAN DIEGO (AP)—There's no peace for Mystic Falls.

The cast and crew of "The Vampire Diaries" gave shrieking Comic-Con fans a taste of what's to come in the fifth season during the CW supernatural series' presentation Saturday at the pop-culture convention. In footage shown before the panel, mind-bending baddie Silas addressed a group of Mystic Falls townsfolk while appearing as Paul Wesley's Stefan. He not-so-discreetly informed the crowd that he wants to control them.

"Vampire Diaries" executive producers Julie Plec and Caroline Dries said the new season will also deal with the ramifications of Nina Dobrev's Elena choosing romance with Ian Somerhalder's Damon over Stefan, as well as Katherine, the ancient vampire character played by Dobrev, involuntarily becoming human.

"It is Mystic Falls and essentially you can't be that happy for that long, so there's always got to be that drama," said Somerhalder.

The new season will also see some characters going off to college.

"Why are we pursuing higher education?" joked Wesley. "We're all murderers."

The fast-moving footage showed Deborah Ann Woll's Jessica and the other locked-up vampires being tormented, Stephen Moyer's Bill wreaking further havoc and Anna Paquin's Sookie entangling with the half-fairy, half-vampire Warlow in a dreamy, bloody haze. "Obviously, we all die," teased Paquin when asked how the season will end. Paquin was joined for the scream-filled panel attended by more than 4,000 con-goers by co-stars Woll, Rutina Wesley, Kristin Bauer van Straten, Ryan Kwanten, Nelsan Ellis, Sam Trammell, Michael McMillan, Anna Camp and Joe Manganiello, as well as newcomer Rob Kazinsky, who plays Warlow.

Beach house is no picnic for this stressed-out wife

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Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: My husband retired and we thought we were fulfilling our lifetime dream when we moved to the beach, but our dream has turned into a nightmare. Our family never wanted to visit us this often before.

When they come, no one even brings along so much as a bottle of water. My grocery bill has skyrocketed, and I'm sick of playing the role of cook and maid while they have a wonderful time.

I'm ready to move back to our hometown. At least there I had a life besides cooking and cleaning. My husband wants to live here because it's his dream, but I can't take another year of this. The workload is killing me.

I have been a fool for putting up with everyone having a carefree vacation at my expense. I'm so angry I'm ready to leave my husband with his dream. The last three years have been hell. When friends and family ask why I left, should I tell them, or keep my mouth shut and build a peaceful life by myself?

RUNNING FOR MY LIFE

DEAR RUNNING: Leaving your husband is not the solution. Telling the individuals who are taking advantage of your hospitality that the rules have changed is. Set rules before guests arrive. If it's not convenient for you to entertain, speak up and say so when the relatives call to say they're coming. Make it clear that they will be doing their own laundry, buying their own groceries, etc.

And while you're at it, understand that the reason this has gotten out of hand is partly your husband's fault. He's retired; he can lend a hand.

The Good Lord gave you the gift of speech. For the sake of your sanity and your marriage, I'm suggesting you use it.

DEAR ABBY: Seven years ago, I was in a relationship with a man I thought was my soul mate. (I'll call him Louis.) We were together for two years and had planned on getting married right after college. Louis ended up breaking the engagement and six months later married another woman. I was shocked and heartbroken. We went our separate ways.

Louis contacted me recently. He apologized for the past and said he was out of his mind for losing me. He also said he was recently divorced and wants to see me to "catch up."

I have healed from the heartache and moved on, but I am not currently in a relationship. I am content with my life. The problem is, my curiosity and my heart are tripping me up. I'm wary of falling back in love with Louis and don't want to reopen any old wounds.

What do you think, Abby? Should I meet him and see what happens, or let the past stay where it is?

OVER HIM? IN NEW YORK

DEAR OVER HIM?: Louis may be a cad—or he may have become more mature in the last seven years. Because you are curious, I think you should go. But if he starts wooing you again, do not get serious unless you have had couples counseling. It's important that you clearly understand what went wrong in your romance the first time so it doesn't happen again.

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Westwood gets another shot at winning a major

GULLANE, Scotland (AP)—Lee Westwood has contended enough in the majors that he can identify important moments, even if he could barely see his ball.

He had a one-shot lead over Tiger Woods, standing in grass up to his knees in the dunes left of the par-3 16th hole. It was one of the few bad shots Westwood hit Saturday at Muirfield, and by far his worst predicament. Westwood slashed at the ball and it didn't reach the green. He used a putter to belt his next shot up the hill to 12 feet.

What followed was a finish that allowed him to believe he was closer than ever to ending his 20-year pursuit of a major.

Westwood poured in the putt to salvage bogey. He picked up two shots on Woods with a birdie on the next hole. He closed with a solid par, giving him a two-shot lead going into the final round, and most significant Sunday of his career.

"That was probably the biggest momentum thing I did all day—walk off there with a bogey," Westwood said. "That's what's been missing, making those putts. And back it up with a birdie at the next. Those are the sort of things you need to do."

Had he made putts like that, Westwood might not have missed the playoff at the U.S. Open that Woods won in 2008 at Torrey Pines. Or the playoff at Turnberry in 2009. He might even have been able to hold off Phil Mickelson at the Masters in 2010.

Westwood is widely considered the best player of his generation without a major. Maybe that's about to change.

The 40-year-old from England passed one big test when he outplayed Woods on another tough day at Muirfield for a 1-under 70 and grabbed a two-shot lead over Woods and Hunter Mahan, the only players still under par.

"Even though I haven't won a major, I know what it takes to win one," said Westwood, who was at 3-under 210. "It's just a case of going out there tomorrow and having the confidence in my game, which I've got. And putting it to the test."

Sunday figures to be the toughest test of all.

Despite his late blunder by hitting into a bunker and making bogey on the par-5 17th, Woods held it together for a 72. Mahan matched the best score of the third round with a 68 and will play in the final group for the second straight major.

"I've got 14 of these things, and I know what it takes to win it," Woods said. "He's won tournaments all over the world. He knows how to win golf tournaments. He's two shots ahead and we're going to go out there and both compete and play. It's not just us two. There's a bunch of guys who have a chance to win this tournament. And all of us need to really play well to-



Tiger Woods of the United States, left, shakes hands with Lee Westwood of England on the 18th green after their third round of the British Open Golf Championship at Muirfield, Scotland, Saturday July 20, 2013.

morrow to win it."

Westwood is the 54-hole leader for the second time in his career. He will try to become only the eighth player dating to 1861 to capture his first major in his 40s. He was hopeful the other close calls will serve him well, though the 40-year-old from England didn't seem all that uptight about it.

"I'm hoping it's going to turn out differently because I haven't won one yet and I'd like to win one," Westwood said. "But what can you do? You can only do what you think is right and put all that practice and hard work you've done tomorrow, try not to get in your own way mentally and just focus on the job at hand and believe you're good enough."

He was plenty good on another warm, sunny afternoon on a course that was noticeable softer but no less demanding.

Woods lost his chance to get in

the final group with one swing.

Tied with Westwood as they played the par-5 17th into a stiff breeze off the Firth of Forth, Woods tried to hit 3-wood over a series of bunkers to allow for a simple wedge into the green. With his ball on the slightest slope, he got it up in the air just enough that the wind grabbed it and deposited the ball in the bunker. Woods had to blast out side-ways and missed a 15-foot par putt.

Woods twice had at least a share of the 36-hole lead in majors a year ago and fell out of contention on Saturday. Despite the late bogey, he did well enough this time that he was only two shots behind. This is his best chance to end his five-year drought in the majors since the upheaval in his personal life at the end of 2009.

And while he has never won a major when trailing going into

the last day, the outlook didn't look bleak from his vantage point.

"I'm only two back," Woods said. "There's only one guy ahead of me."

Instead of playing with Westwood in the final group, Woods will be in the penultimate group with Masters champion Adam Scott, who had a 70. The Australian not only is poised to be the first player with a multiple-major season in seven years, he can atone for his meltdown a year ago at Royal Lytham & St. Annes.

"I go out there tomorrow not carrying the weight of the lead or not having won a major," Scott said. "So it's a different feeling."

Mahan made only two bogeys, and he avoided a third on the final hole when he made a 25-foot putt to save par from the bunker. He played with Mickel-

son in the final round at Merion and stayed in the game until late in the round, closing with a 75. One month later, he gets another crack at it.

And there are plenty of others still in the game—five major champions within five shots of the lead, a list that goes down to Mickelson at five shots behind.

Two-time major champion Angel Cabrera opened with 12 pars and had a roller-coaster finish - double bogey, birdie, bogey—for a 73. He was at 1-over 214, along with former Masters champion Zach Johnson (73), Henrik Stenson (74) and Ryan Moore (72).

But it starts with Westwood, who can add to the British celebration of sport by capturing his first major. He certainly looked up to the task over 18 holes in the third round, and he didn't seem the least bit uptight when asked to think about what was at stake Sunday.

"I'm not in a high-pressure situation because I'm going to go have dinner, and I'm so good with a knife and fork now that I don't feel any pressure at all," he said, trying to keep the mood light.

He sees nothing wrong with imagining his name on the base of the claret jug, ending all those questions about whether he has the game and guts to win a major. But when he steps to the first tee Sunday, it's all about finding the short, yellow grass carved out of rough that looks like a Kansas wheat field.

"I should be in the same frame of mind as I was today," Westwood said. "I didn't feel any pressure today - felt nice and calm out there and in control of what I was doing."

Miguel Angel Jimenez didn't lose control. He just lost the lead.

The 49-year-old Spaniard found too many bunkers, missed too many fairways and dropped far too many shots. He wound up with a 77, six shots behind.

Woods was never far from the lead, even during four two-shot swings involving Westwood.

The first one came on the par-5 fifth hole. Woods proved there was a driver under that tiger head cover by smashing his tee shot down the fairway, though he wound up missing a 6-foot birdie putt, while Westwood rolled in a 50-foot eagle putt from just short of the green.

Westwood hit a high shot that settled 4 feet from the cup at the par-3 seventh while Woods hammered a 9-iron through the green and made bogey. Westwood led by as many as three shots, but they were tied at the turn when Westwood found a bunker of the tee and made bogey, while Woods had a simple up-and-down for birdie.

The last three holes changed everything—a bogey that could have been much worse, a birdie to build a cushion, a par for confidence.

NBA approves Hornets name returning to Charlotte



LAS VEGAS (AP)—Charlotte is the home of the Hornets once again.

The NBA unanimously approved Charlotte's nickname change from Bobcats to Hornets on Thursday at the league's Board of Governors meeting. The original Hornets built a supportive fan base in Charlotte from the time they entered the league in 1988 until they moved to New Orleans in 2002.

But the new owners in New Orleans have changed the team's name to the Pelicans. That opened the door for owner Michael Jordan to bring the Hornets name back to Charlotte. The change will take place after the 2013-14 season.

"We're thrilled to bring back the Hornets to Charlotte and the Carolinas," Jordan said in a statement issued by the team.

"The passion and enthusiasm around this name change by fans in this market has been unmatched. They overwhelmingly told us what they wanted, we listened and we couldn't be happier with the Board of Governors' approval of the name change. With the young team we are developing on the court, the direction of our business and the return of the Hornets name, we are extremely excited about our future. The buzz is back!"

The city, and the franchise, has been looking for a fresh start. The Hornets were a ticket-selling powerhouse for years, leading the league in attendance eight times and selling out 364 straight games in their turquoise, white and purple uniforms. The city bonded with a charismatic team that included such as stars Alonzo Mourning and Larry Johnson and fan fa-

vorite Muggsy Bogues.

But the franchise fell on hard times under previous owner George Shinn, who took the team, and the Hornets name, to New Orleans. The NBA brought an expansion team back to Charlotte two years later, a team nicknamed the Bobcats in part due to founding owner Bob Johnson's name.

The brand never resonated with the people the way the Hornets did, in large part because the team only has had one winning season and one playoff appearance in its first nine years of existence. The Bobcats, with their nondescript orange and grey color scheme, won just seven games two years ago and only 21 last season. So they are hoping the energy brought by the name change, even if it will take another year to set in, will somehow help galvanize a

young team.

"We want to reach back and grab some of that equity that the Hornets earned in our community," Charlotte COO Fred Whitfield said. "They did a lot of great things off the court. They were involved in the community. They became very accessible to the Charlotte fans and citizens of Charlotte. We want to reach back and grab some heritage and use it as we move forward to build a brand with our young team that continues to improve."

The Bobcats' website hailed the return of "Buzz City" and team officials said 2,000 season-ticket holders turned out at a downtown party that turned into a celebration of the name change. Bogues and other former Hornets including Rex Chapman, Kelly Tripucka, Dell Curry and Kendall Gill attended

as well.

Commissioner David Stern said that he had heard pleas from Charlotte basketball fans for years to give them back the Hornets nickname, and he initially brushed those aside with a "get over it" view of the complaining. In time, however, he came to understand how important the name was to the community.

"It stayed there, bubbling below the surface, and there is something to it," Stern said. "I think that the team is going to receive support from fans who think that this is a step in the direction that the fans have been asking for, and this is an attempt to both satisfy the fans and its accompanied by a kind of very specific market research that allows the Hornets to say, yes, this is what the market is asking for and they're very much serving their market by making this change."

Froome effectively wins Tour de France



ANNECY-SEMNOZ, France (AP)—Chris Froome has two

hands firmly on the Tour de France trophy. All that remains is for the British rider to raise it above his head before cheering crowds in Paris on Sunday.

The Team Sky rider retained his big race lead Saturday in the penultimate stage to ensure he will become Britain's second successive champion after Bradley Wiggins.

Only an accident or other freak mishap Sunday on the largely ceremonial final ride to the Champs-Élysées could stop Froome from winning the 100th Tour.

"It's been an amazing journey for me, the race has been a fight every single day," Froome said at the winner's news conference which the Tour holds the evening before the final stage.

"This Tour really has had everything. It really has been a special edition this year."

Froome, who was clearly superior and never looked really troubled in the three-week race, finished third Saturday in a dramatic Stage 20 to the ski station of Annecy-Semnoz in the Alps that decided the other podium placings.

Nairo Quintana from Colombia won the stage and moved up to second overall.

Joaquim Rodriguez from Spain rode in 18 seconds behind Quintana and moved up



Sky teammates of Christopher Froome of Britain, wearing the overall leader's yellow jersey, set the pace for the pack with Bauke Mollema of The Netherlands, left in green, during the 20th stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 125 kilometers (78.1 miles) with start in Annecy and finish in Annecy-Semnoz, France, Saturday July 20, 2013.

to third overall.

Froome's lead is more than five minutes over both of them.

Froome said only when he passed the sign showing two kilometers (about a mile) to go on the final steep uphill did he allow himself to believe he'd won the Tour.

"It actually became quite hard to concentrate," he said. "A very emotional feeling."

Alberto Contador, who was second overall at the start of the day, struggled on that climb and dropped off the podium.

Saturday's 78-mile trek was the last of four successive stages in the Alps and the final significant obstacle Froome

needed to overcome before Sunday's usually relaxed ride to the finish in Paris. That 82-mile jaunt starts in Versailles, at the gates of its palace.

Froome's dominance at this Tour was such that this victory could very well be the first of several. At 28, he is entering peak years for a bike racer. He proved at this Tour that he excels both in climbs and time trials—skills essential for those who want to win cycling's premier race. He also handled with poise and aplomb questions about doping in cycling and suspicions about the strength of his own performances. He insisted he raced clean.

This Tour was the first since Lance Armstrong was stripped last year of his seven wins for serial doping. Froome said the scrutiny he faced has "definitely been a challenge" but was "100 percent understandable."

Whoever won this 100th Tour "was going to come under the same amount of scrutiny, the same amount of criticism," he said.

"I'm also one of those guys who have been let down by the sport."

Froome first took the race lead and the yellow jersey that goes with it on Stage 8, when he won the climb to the Ax-3 Domaines ski station in the Pyrenees. On Sunday's Stage 21, he

will wear the yellow jersey for the 13th straight day.

Froome said the low point of his Tour was when he ran short of energy on the second ascent of L'Alpe d'Huez this week.

"A horrible feeling," he said.

The highlight, he said, was when he powered away from his rivals on Mont Ventoux in Provence and became the first yellow-jersey wearer to win a stage on that mammoth climb since the legendary five-time Tour winner Eddy Merckx in 1970.

"That was an incredible moment, incredible."

Saturday's stage did a big loop south of Annecy, through the mountains of Savoie between the lakes of Annecy and Bourget. This is cheese-making country, with lush Alpine pastures and dense, naturally cool forests.

Quintana's win also secured him the spotted jersey awarded to riders who harvest the most points on mountain climbs. He also retained the white jersey as the Tour's best young rider. The 23-year-old wiped away tears in his stage winner's news conference.

"It was fabulous," he said after winning on his national independence day. "It's a very special day in Colombia. A big party and the whole of Colombia is celebrating."

With six miles still to ascend on the last and toughest of the day's six climbs, Froome put on a devastating turn of speed that left Contador gasping. Froome, Ro-

driguez and Quintana then rode as a trio, leaving Contador further and further behind. Quintana rode away in the last stretch for his first stage win at his first Tour.

Contador placed seventh in the stage, laboring in more than two minutes behind Quintana. The two-time former champ ran out of legs after weeks of trying to keep up and pressure Froome. He dropped to fourth overall, more than seven minutes behind the Briton who was born in Kenya and who hopes his win will inspire African cyclists to believe that they, too, can turn professional.

Of the 198 riders who started on the French island of Corsica on June 29, 170 have survived this far—meaning they could equal the Tour's record for finishers, also 170, achieved in 2010.

Uniquely for the 100th Tour, Stage 21 will set off in the late afternoon, so the race finishes more or less as the sun is setting behind the Arc de Triomphe.

"The arrival on the Champs-Élysées will be immense," Froome said.

Froome said he didn't know how many more Tours he might win because "I'm just thinking about here and now" but he added that he would like to keep coming back to the Tour "as long as I can."

Froome was runner-up last year, helping Wiggins to victory. Despite that, Froome said his teammate hasn't contacted him during this Tour.

Perez, Moustakas lead Royals over Tigers, 6-5



KANSAS CITY, Missouri (AP)—

Salvador Perez drove in three runs and Mike Moustakas went 3 for 4 with a game-winning home run to lead the Kansas City Royals to a 6-5 victory over the Detroit Tigers and Justin Verlander on Saturday in the American League.

Verlander (10-7) had not lost to the Royals since Sept. 9, 2009, but gave up six runs, five earned, on eight hits and four walks in 5 2-3 innings. It was the seventh time in 21 starts that Verlander failed to make it into the sixth inning.

Moustakas homered to right in the fifth to break a 5-5 tie.

Perez drove in a run in the first with a sacrifice fly and stroked a two-run double in the third.

Mariners 4, Astros 2

In Houston, Michael Saunders got Seattle's only hit with a two-RBI double with two outs in the seventh inning to lift the Mariners to a 4-2 win over the Astros.

Erik Bedard (3-7) pitched 6 1-3 innings of no-hit ball before he was replaced by Jose Cisneros, who walked Mike Zunino with two outs before the double by Saunders put Seattle ahead 4-2.

Yankees 5, Red Sox 2

In Boston, Brett Gardner and Lyle Overbay each had three hits and drove in a run to back Hiroki Kuroda's seven strong innings, carrying the New York Yankees past Boston.

The victory ended a three-game losing streak for the injury-riddled Yankees, who hope to be bolstered soon by the return of captain Derek Jeter and Alex Rodriguez.

Angels 2, Athletics 0

In Anaheim, California, C.J. Wilson outpitched Dan Straily, retiring 18 consecutive batters at one point, and Alberto Callaspo homered to help Los Angeles beat Oakland.

Wilson (10-6) gave up three hits in 8 1-3 innings. He struck out eight and walked two. Jed Lowrie's two-out double in the first and Nate Freiman's lead-off single in the second were the only hits off the left-hander until Lowrie's one-out single in the ninth on Wilson's 119th and final pitch.

Rays 4, Blue Jays 3

In Toronto, Jeremy Hellickson won his fifth straight decision and Desmond Jennings reached base four times as Tampa Bay beat the Toronto for its 16th win in 18 games.

Rookie Wil Myers had two RBIs in his first career start as the cleanup hitter. Myers, who finished 2 for 4, has nine hits in his past 17 at bats.

Jennings went 3 for 4 with a walk and scored twice.

Orioles 7, Rangers 4

In Arlington, Texas, Adam Jones homered, every Baltimore starter had a hit, and Miguel Gonzalez pitched another solid game on the road in the victory over sliding Texas.

Rangers starter Ross Wolf (1-3) was done after the first four batters in the third reached base. They all scored to put Baltimore up 7-0. Wolf gave up nine hits to the 16 batters he faced, and his only two strikeouts ended the first with the bases loaded after the Orioles had already scored twice.

Twins 3, Indians 2

In Minneapolis, Kevin Correia threw six sharp innings for his first win in a month and Joe Mauer and Justin Morneau each had two hits and a walk as Minnesota beat Cleveland for its fourth-straight win.

Correia (7-6) allowed only three hits—one of them a two-run homer by Jason Kipnis—with one walk and three strikeouts.

White sox 10, Braves 6

In Chicago, Alex Rios hit a grand slam and drove in five runs and Jake Peavy pitched six solid innings in his return from injury to lead Chicago over Atlanta.

Rios, who had been in a 2-for-20 slump, went 3 for 5 to help Chicago win for just the 10th time in 32 games.

Reds 5, Pirates 4

In Cincinnati, South Korean slugger Shin-Soo Choo extended his hitting streak to a career-high 14 games and Joey Votto drove in a pair of runs to lead the Cincinnati Reds to a victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates.

The Reds have won the first two games in the NL Central division series against the Pirates, closing their gap with second-place Pittsburgh to two games. The rivals have split their 12 games this season.

Mets 5, Phillies 4

In New York, Gonzalez Germen came out of the bullpen to bail out fellow rookie Zack Wheeler and help the New York Mets hold off Philadelphia.

Marlon Byrd, David Wright and Daniel Murphy each had an RBI single for the Mets, who handed Cole Hamels his latest defeat and ended Philadelphia's seven-game winning streak at

Citi Field. Another rookie, Juan Lagares, had a run-scoring single among his three hits.

Brewers 6, Marlins 0

In Milwaukee, Yovani Gallardo carried a shutout into the seventh inning, and Jonathan Lucroy and Rickie Weeks belted home runs, leading Milwaukee over Miami.

Gallardo (8-8) gave up five hits in 6 1-3 innings. He struck out five batters and walked two. Four relievers combined to preserve the shutout as the Brewers held the Marlins without a run for the second consecutive game and extended Miami's scoreless streak to 24 innings.

Rockies 9, Cubs 3

In Denver, Carlos Gonzalez homered and Todd Helton had three of the Rockies' 13 hits in a win over the Cubs.

Troy Tulowitzki, Dexter Fowler and Wilin Rosario had two hits each for a Colorado offense that had scored eight runs in its previous five games.

Dodgers 3, Nationals 1, 10 innings

In Washington, Hanley Ramirez doubled to highlight a two-run 10th inning, and the Dodgers used seven pitchers to again tame the tepid offense of the Nationals.

Adrian Gonzalez led off the 10th with a double off Craig

Stammen (5-5). Ramirez followed immediately with an RBI double for his third hit of the night, then scored two batters later on Andre Ethier's sacrifice fly.

Padres 5, Cardinals 3

In St. Louis, Edinson Volquez was bailed out by his bullpen and earned the victory in San Diego's win over the Cardinals.

Nick Vincent, Dale Thayer, Luke Gregorson and Huston Street worked an inning apiece after Volquez (7-8) faded at the end of a five-inning outing. Street was perfect in the ninth for his 16th save in 17 chances after Carlos Quentin's RBI double off Trevor Rosenthal in the ninth put the Padres up by two runs.

Giants 4, Diamondbacks 3

In San Francisco, Buster Posey hit a two-run homer and Matt Cain bounced back from two rough starts to earn his first win in more than a month as the Giants beat the NL West division-leading Diamondbacks for a second straight night.

Posey connected for his 14th homer in the fifth inning. Cain (6-6) allowed two runs in five-plus innings after failing to make it out of the third inning his last two starts to win for the first time since June 13 at Pittsburgh.

Pacquiao will retire if he gets KO'd by Rios — Roach

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MANILA, Philippines—For Hall of Fame trainer Freddie Roach, a knockout loss by Filipino ring icon Manny Pacquiao at the hands of Brandon Rios in their November bout in Macau would mean it's time to hang up his gloves.

Roach told renowned boxing writer Kevin Iole in a story on Yahoo! Sports that he would "recommend" to call it a career if the former pound-for-pound fighter in the world suffers what would be his third consecutive defeat after dropping a controversial decision to Timothy Bradley Jr. and getting knocked out cold

by Mexican rival Juan Manuel Marquez in their fourth encounter in December last year.

"It's over, 100 percent [if Pacquiao is knocked out by Rios]," Roach told Iole. "We have a deal. When I tell him it's over, he'll say it's over and that's it. He's pretty loyal with his words and if that happens, it will be the end."

Roach also said that despite absorbing two losses in his last couple of fights, Pacquiao still has not "shown signs of decline."

"None whatsoever and I'd tell you if I did," Roach said. "The thing is, people look at the



Roach

losses and they think the reason is that he's getting old. That's not the case, not from what I see. Look, we all thought he beat Bradley, so throw that out. And in the Marquez fight, I thought he was doing well and was looking like he was going to win by knockout when he made a mistake and ran into a shot."

"That happens. That's boxing. It didn't happen because his skills aren't the same as they used to be. It happened because he made a mistake. It doesn't matter what age you are, you can make a mistake."

Pacquiao (54-5-2, 38 KOs)

will be close to turning 35 when he returns to the ring against the 27-year-old Rios (31-1-1, 23 KOs), who is coming off a loss in a rematch with Mike Alvarado via unanimous decision last March.

Talks of a mega-fight between Pacquiao and unbeaten Floyd Mayweather Jr. have died down since Pacquiao's shocking sixth round defeat to Marquez but Roach thinks dominating Rios in their welterweight bout would open it once more.

"I think the gap is widening, I don't agree with that," Roach said. "But that being said, I've told Manny, 'Knock this guy [Rios] out in good fashion and the Mayweather fight comes back real quick.'"

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quarter after falling behind by 10 at the break. However, it was held to a field goal and committed a couple of miscues in the last two minutes of the match, while Radio Comm drew crucial baskets from Jun Pantaleon and Perry Inos in the home-stretch to steal the victory.

With Ballaholics stuck to 58 points, Radio Comm forced a standoff, 58-all, after Pantaleon made a fastbreak layup off the former's error. Another Ballaholics' erratic play returned possession to Radio Comm, which eventually regained the lead, 60-58, with Pantaleon quickly feeding Inos in the inbound play and catching Ballaholics' defense napping.

A forced triple from Joel Imperial continued Ballaholics' drought, while Pantaleon countered with a bank shot off a drive to stretch Radio Comm's

lead to 4, 62-58, with 44.3 seconds left on the clock. Both teams traded misses in the next two plays before Derrick Rangamar ended Ballaholics' silence with a layup to cut Radio Comm's advantage to a deuce, 60-62, with only 14.3 seconds remaining in the game.

With the clock ticking, the Ballaholics was expected to give up a quick foul, but D.J. Ong did a great job evading his defenders before throwing a pass to Inos, who was eventually fouled with only 3.4 seconds left in the match. Inos made a split to up their lead to 3 and Rangamar muffed a desperation trey as time expired, awarding the win to Radio Comm.

Rocyl Ritual top-scored for Radio Comm with his 20 points, while Pantaleon and Ong chipped in 15 and 11, respectively. Rangamar paced Ballaholics with his 19 markers.

Maplas 72, Kalayaan 71
In last Friday's game, Maplas

(2-0) also pulled off a cliffhanger against Kalayaan (1-2).

Alex Ocampo made a put-back in the closing seconds to keep Maplas' unbeaten record intact. He made the go-ahead basket in the last 20 seconds inside the paint, while Kalayaan had the last shot, but Roy Hernandez missed the potential game-winning bucket.

Ocampo scored in twin digits with his 12, drilling all of them in the second half to help Rommel Usi, Edmark Mendoza, and Ed Pangelinan on offense. Usi had a team-high 20 points, while Pangelinan and Mendoza contributed 15 and 12, respectively.

Usi and Pangelinan connected on two triples apiece in the first period to keep Maplas afloat, 18-19. The duo continued to find their marks in the second canto, combining for 11 points to put Maplas on top at halftime, 38-34. Ocampo then showed up in the third and nailed 7 points, while Mendoza

also nailed a couple of shots to up their lead to 7, 60-53.

In the fourth quarter, Maplas' gunners struggled early on, allowing Kalayaan to mount a comeback before Ocampo foiled the latter's bid for a come-from-behind win.

FRIDAY GAME
Maplas 72 — Usi 20, Pangelinan 15, Mendoza 12, Ocampo 12, Morales 6, Odicta 3, Aniciete 2, Surla 2.
Kalayaan 71— Herrera 25, Lerio 12, Apelo 8, Brennan 7, Rejano 7, J. Hernandez 6, Chan 3.
Scoring by quarters: 18-19, 38-34, 60-53, 72-71.

SATURDAY GAME
Radio Comm 63 — Ritual 20, Pantaleon 15, Ong 11, Inos 7, Zapanta 6, Salas 4.
Ballaholics 60 — Rangamar 19, Imperial 14, Pena 9, Jo. Sablan 8, Kaipat 4, Deleon Guerrero 4, Saralu 2.
Scoring by quarters: 8-9, 29-19, 43-43, 63-60.

FINALLY

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need of a major championship win to validate a career that has been solid in most other ways.

For Woods, it's a bit more complex. He's trying to recapture whatever it was he once had to win 14 of these things, including three British Opens. The problem is, even he doesn't seem to know just what it is.

They won't be in the final group together because Woods made a bogey on the 17th hole, though it hardly matters. Not to either player, and certainly not to the crowd that has pretty much tuned out Hunter Mahan and a handful of other players bunched on the leaderboard with a chance of winning this thing.

They mostly want Westwood, but they'll settle for Woods. And they fully expect one of them to deliver.

So, too, does the best player in the world.

"I've got 14 of these things, and I know what it takes to win it," Woods said. "He's won tournament all over the world. He knows how to win golf

tournaments."

If Woods is to win this one he'll have to make up the two shots that separate the two players. That's something that can happen quickly on the treacherous links of Muirfield, where there were four two-shot swings between Woods and Westwood, including the final one on the 17th.

But there are still questions about Woods' ability to deliver under pressure in a major, something he hasn't been able to do ever since his life changed completely when he was caught up in a sex scandal. It's been five years since he won the U.S. Open at Torrey Pines, and he's relying on memories that fade a bit more with every one that gets away when he tries to figure out how to win the big ones.

Woods also has never won a major coming from behind in the final round, which he'll have to do to win this one. And then there's the uncomfortable position of having to play in the same group Sunday with Adam Scott, whose caddie was on the bag for Woods in 13 of his majors and who has a publicly testy relationship with his former boss.

If you liked the undercard of Westwood versus Woods, don't miss the main event with Woods taking on Scott and caddie Steve Williams.

"I'm looking forward to the challenge of it," Woods said. "I've been in this position before in the past five years, and I've been in that hunt on that mix. And I'm in it again. Hopefully, tomorrow I can play well and win the tournament."

If Woods does win he may have the third round to thank for it. He's blown up on the weekend in recent majors, including a 76 in the third round that knocked him from contention in the U.S. Open. But he was steady on a brutal course for the most part on Saturday, even taking the lead with a birdie on the second hole, before finishing with a 1-over 72 that left him tied for second with Mahan, two shots back.

It helps that he seldom has to pull his often erratic driver out of the bag on the fast links course. A lot of the success he has had over three days has come using irons off the tee and then hitting shots into safe parts of the green. It's a formula that works under tough conditions,

and its put Woods into his best position going into the final round since he came back from the scandal.

Whether it will work on Sunday depends a lot on how the man playing behind him is doing. Westwood says he feels no pressure and he's playing like it. When he did make mistakes in the third round he simply smiled and went about his business, and with 38 wins around the world he's not likely to be intimidated by the thought of Woods chasing him.

"It's enjoyable," Westwood said. "It's where you want to be."

Woods insists he enjoys it too, his outburst on No. 7 notwithstanding. Being in the hunt on Sunday is what he lives for as a golfer, and being able to deliver under pressure is something he prides himself on.

Still, he's badly in need of a major win to jumpstart his chase of the record of 18 held by Jack Nicklaus. If he doesn't win here or at the PGA Championship next month, his drought in the majors would be nearing six years.

For Woods, that would be something to really swear about.

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Brad Ruzsala, who organized the event, awarded medals to the Top 3 finishers.

In the women's division, 11-year-old Agnes Khang timed in at 2:26:27 to prevail against adult runner Karina Cerezo, who completed the longest race of the day in 2:35:25.

Meanwhile, two other run races were also held yesterday.

In the 5K event, which had the turning point near Saipan Ice in Lower Base, Gary Bandoja submitted 27:10 to beat youth participant David Boyer (29:08). while Angel Marie Tan finished first in the women's division. Tan clocked in at 20:10 to top Margaret Rose (29:02) and Xin Yun Hocog (31:30).

In the 10K, veteran runner Mamiko Oshima-Berger led all finishers after logging 41:52. She made it to Micro Beach from Tanapag about six minutes ahead of Lorie Hutchison (47:31). Rounding out the Top 3 in the women's division was Yurie Clarange, who timed in at 1:01:20.

In the men's division, Rota's Dan Calvo completed the race under 50 minutes with his 49:43 to prevail over Dencio Bautista (52:23) and Ariel


Lansingan (52:51).

Bike race winners
Mountain and road bike races also took place as side events for the inaugural competition.

In the men's MBT race from Micro Beach to Mt. Tapochao and back, Noel Altamirano returned to the finish line in 53:34 to take the top spot. Peter Prestley came in at second with his time of 53:51, while Samson Tan placed third after recording 56:40. In the women's division, Kimiko McKagan timed in at 1:00:26 to beat Kaity Mattos (1:24:01).

In the men's road bike category, three bikers arrived at the finish line loop together, but Dizon edged youth runners Erico Castro and Jerome Diyco. Dizon complete the race in 1:04:41, while Castro and Diyco timed in at 1:04:47 and 1:04:49, respectively. In the women's division of the race that brought road bikers to as far as the Bird Island Lookout, the Top 2 finishers were Glorybel Tan (1:23:15) and Gezzel Nishida (1:26:35).

Yesterday's races were supported by Bridge Capital, LLC, Pacific Islands Club, Brabu Pharmacy and Wellness Center, IT&E, Duty Free Shoppers Saipan, Athlete's Foot, and All-Star Sporting Goods.



TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

MLB STANDINGS

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	59	40	.596	—
Tampa Bay	57	41	.582	1½
Baltimore	55	43	.561	3½
New York	52	45	.536	6
Toronto	45	51	.469	12½

Central Division

Detroit	52	44	.542	—
Cleveland	51	46	.526	1½
Kansas City	45	49	.479	6
Minnesota	41	53	.436	10
Chicago	38	56	.404	13

West Division

Oakland	56	41	.577	—
Texas	54	43	.557	2
Los Angeles	46	49	.484	9
Seattle	45	52	.464	11
Houston	33	63	.344	22½

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Atlanta	55	42	.567	—
Philadelphia	49	49	.500	6½
Washington	48	49	.495	7
New York	42	51	.452	11
Miami	35	60	.368	19

Central Division

St. Louis	58	37	.611	—
Pittsburgh	56	39	.589	2
Cincinnati	55	42	.567	4
Chicago	43	52	.453	15
Milwaukee	40	56	.417	18½

West Division

Arizona	50	47	.515	—
Los Angeles	49	47	.510	½
Colorado	47	51	.480	3½
San Francisco	45	51	.469	4½
San Diego	43	55	.439	7½

BRITISH OPEN SCORES

GULLANE, Scotland (AP)—Scores Saturday in the British Open at 7,192-yard, par-71 Muirfield:

THIRD ROUND

Lee Westwood	72-68-70	—210
Hunter Mahan	72-72-68	—212
Tiger Woods	69-71-72	—212
Adam Scott	71-72-70	—213
Ryan Moore	72-70-72	—214
Angel Cabrera	69-72-73	—214
Zach Johnson	66-75-73	—214
Henrik Stenson	70-70-74	—214
Phil Mickelson	69-74-72	—215
Francesco Molinari	69-74-72	—215
Sergio Garcia	75-73-68	—216
Brandt Snedeker	68-79-69	—216
Jamie Donaldson	74-71-71	—216
Hideki Matsuyama	71-73-72	—216
Jason Day	73-71-72	—216
Dustin Johnson	68-72-76	—216
Miguel Angel Jimenez	68-71-77	—216
Rafael Cabrera-Bello	67-74-76	—217
Richard Sterne	75-75-68	—218
Ernie Els	74-74-70	—218
Martin Kaymer	72-74-72	—218
Johnson Wagner	73-72-73	—218
Justin Leonard	74-70-74	—218
Ian Poulter	72-71-75	—218
Shingo Katayama	73-77-69	—219
Keegan Bradley	75-74-70	—219
Thomas Bjorn	73-74-72	—219
Matt Kuchar	74-73-72	—219
Danny Willett	75-72-72	—219
Graeme McDowell	75-71-73	—219
Charl Schwartzel	75-68-76	—219
Darren Clarke	72-71-76	—219
Jordan Spieth	69-74-76	—219
Carl Pettersson	74-76-70	—220
Todd Hamilton	69-81-70	—220
Paul Lawrie	81-69-70	—220
Bud Cauley	74-75-71	—220
Steven Tieley	72-75-73	—220
Ken Duke	70-77-73	—220
Gregory Bourdy	76-70-74	—220
Bernd Wiesberger	71-74-75	—220
Harris English	74-71-75	—220
Tom Lehman	68-77-75	—220
Bubba Watson	70-73-77	—220
Webb Simpson	73-70-77	—220
K.J. Choi	76-74-71	—221
Thongchai Jaidee	79-71-71	—221
Boo Weekley	74-76-71	—221
Y.E. Yang	78-70-73	—221
Eduardo de la Riva	73-73-75	—221
Mark Brown	77-73-72	—222
Geoff Ogilvy	75-75-72	—222
Richie Ramsay	76-74-72	—222
Gonzalo Fernandez-Castano	70-79-73	—222
Fred Couples	75-74-73	—222
a-Matthew Fitzpatrick	73-76-73	—222
George Coetzee	76-71-75	—222
Freddie Jacobson	72-75-75	—222
Stephen Gallacher	76-70-76	—222
Branden Grace	74-71-77	—222
Mark O'Meara	67-78-77	—222
Martin Laird	70-71-81	—222
Jonas Blixt	72-78-73	—223
Peter Senior	74-76-73	—223
Shane Lowry	74-74-75	—223
Stewart Cink	72-75-76	—223
Marcus Fraser	73-74-76	—223
Gareth Wright	71-78-75	—224
a-Jimmy Mullen	71-78-75	—224
Josh Teater	72-77-75	—224
Russell Henley	78-71-75	—224
Tim Clark	72-76-76	—224
Graham DeLaet	76-72-76	—224
Chris Wood	75-75-75	—225
Jason Dufner	72-77-76	—225
Oliver Fisher	70-78-77	—225
Padraig Harrington	73-75-77	—225
Ben Curtis	74-71-80	—225
Mikko Ilonen	72-78-76	—226
K.T. Kim	73-76-77	—226
Bo Van Pelt	76-73-77	—226
Kevin Streelman	74-71-82	—227
Sandy Lyle	76-72-80	—228
Shiv Kapur	68-77-83	—228

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Weekend Sports

The 29th Annual Saipan International Fishing Tournament was last week's scene stealer.

The two-day competition featured 54 boats with *Luka & Ben* emerging the grand prize winner after catching 221.5-lb marlin in the first day of the annual tournament. The winning boat, which also took the event's grand prize in 2011, is skippered by Rick George and has Ben Fitipol, Mika George, Phil and Melvin Aldan, and Steve Igisaia as crew members.

Other top winners (by categories) in the tournament orga-

Fishing tournament takes spotlight

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nized by the Saipan Fishermen's Association were *Team Kaijin* (total weight, 259 lbs) *Botin Saba* (39.05-lb mahi), *2 Sisters* (90.60-lb yellow fin tuna), *My Lady Gora* (133.85 lbs), *The Marianas* (41.35-lb wahoo), and *Saint Patrick* (12.90-lb skipjack tuna). SFA awarded trophies and cash to the Top 3 finishers in each category.

In other events last week, the Saipan Billiards Association awarded the winners in the 8-Ball League Winter/Spring 2013 last week at Charley's Cabaret of the Pacific Islands Club, while the various leagues on Saipan continued.

SBA handed trophies to Bud Cup winners Poseidon

Hustlers (Thursday League) and Joe's Fiesta Resort & Spa (Tuesday League) and to regular season champions Waterfront Juggernauts (Thursday League), and SOS Voyagers (Tuesday League).

The organizing Pacific Amusement also recognized the league's top individual performers—MVPs Jerry

Soriano, Chester Hamoy, and Marc Brian Nelvis.

In the Emon Lodge caging, AXE Proa remained the lone unbeaten squad in the nine-team field after notching two more wins last week, beating the Blazers and the Ol'Aces. Also recording victories last week at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium were Mariana

Resort, Mobil, and San Roque.

Over at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court for the 013 DL Corp. Invitational Basketball League, Fong's Flip Top notched two straight wins, beating Ballaholics, 45-42, and Wushin, 72-62. Other teams that won last week were Navy Hill/8 Division, Kalayaan, and Mawati.

At the TSL Sports Complex for the 2013 Saipan Soccer School Youth Futsal League, NMI A and B, swept their respective foes in the boys U18, while Shirley's topped ALU FC in the girls U18.



Wushin's Olan Tengco, right, is guarded by Flip Top's Kevin De Leon during the third quarter of their game in the DL Corp. caging last week at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.



Basketball fan Frank Diaz, center, poses with BANMI's Abner Venus and San Roque team supporter Father Noynoy Recaido during a break in the Emon Lodge caging game at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.



The Ol'Aces' Peter Camacho breaks away from the defense of Proa's Gino Libuw during their game in the Emon Lodge caging last week at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.



A volunteer brings the heavy yellow fin tuna to the weigh-in station at the Smiling Cove Marina, while spectators look on during last week's 29th Annual Saipan International Fishing Tournament



Volunteers lift the big marlin to the weighing scale at the Smiling Cove Marina during last week's 29th Annual Saipan International Fishing Tournament.



Team Kaijin anglers pose with their runner-up trophy in the bill fish category of the 29th Annual Saipan International Fishing Tournament during the awards ceremony last Monday at Pacific Islands Club's Magellan.



Luka & Ben's marlin makes it to the weigh-in station at Smiling Cove Marina during Day 1 of the 29th Annual Saipan International Fishing Tournament.

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Neck-and-neck finish in Bridge Capital race



Butch Sublemente, left, beats Charlie Sendin in a close fight in the men's division of yesterday's 2013 Bridge Capital, LLC Half Marathon.

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Butch Sublemente edged Charlie Sendin in a down-to-the-wire finish in yesterday's 2013 Bridge Capital, LLC Half Marathon.

Sublemente completed the inaugural race in 1:42:17, beating Sendin (1:42:21) by only four seconds. The Top 2 athletes made it to the American Memorial Park compound together and the neck-and-neck battle was only decided in the last few meters with Sublemente out-sprinting Sendin near the side parking lot of the Hyatt Regency Saipan to the finish line at Micro Beach.

Joining Sublemente and Sendin in the Top 3 of the 21.09-kilometer race that brought runners to as far as the FEBC Road (near the swimming pool) in Marpi was Manny Aaron (1:49:24). Tri Saipan's

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Radio Comm sneaks past Ballaholics

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Radio Comm handed Ballaholics another close loss, 63-60, during the second game in the 2013 DL Corporation Invitational Basketball League last Saturday at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

With the win, Radio Comm

improved to a 2-1 record, while Ballaholics absorbed its third defeat in as many games. All losses were decided by no more than 3 points. Ballaholics bowed to Maplas, 63-64, and to Flip Top, 42-45.

Ballaholics had a chance to barge into the win column, as it rallied in the third period and had the lead most of the fourth

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Radio Comm's Jun Pantaleon drives against Ballaholics' Raymond Saralu during the fourth quarter of their game in the DL Corp. caging last Saturday at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

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Is it finally Tiger's turn at British?

GULLANE, Scotland (AP)—Tiger Woods was actually having a pretty good day, though the fans lining the seventh hole might have thought otherwise. They had the misfortune of having to listen as he unleashed a string of loud expletives directed at himself and a ball that bounced over the green into the rough.

Hardly the way a gentleman golfer at the British Open is supposed to act, even if no one seemed to take much offense. Not with home favorite Lee Westwood on the green putting for birdie in a championship that even on Saturday was already becoming a two-

man show within a show.

The two battled back and forth on a breezy afternoon at Muirfield as if the claret jug would be given out at the end to the winner of their match. They traded shots and they traded the lead in a personal duel that seemed destined to end up all even until Westwood birdied the 17th hole to give himself bragging rights for the day and a bit of a cushion going into the final round of a tournament both are desperate to win.

For Westwood, the math is simple. He's 40 now and badly in

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